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Rick Dykstra
M.P. for St. Catharines

RE: CWM Chemical Services Inc. proposed hazardous landfill expansion

I would like to petition for status regarding the proposed expansion of the CWM Chemical Services Inc. (CWM) landfill site.

I am seeking to engage in this process as the Canadian Member of Parliament for the riding of St. Catharines. My riding and constituents are in close proximity to the Niagara River and would be affected by any negative consequences as a result of the proposed expansion.

The proposed expansion of the CWM landfill could potentially result in the release of PCBs and other toxic substances into the Niagara River and surrounding environment. This, due to higher than allowable concentrations of PCBs having been found outside contained CWM areas in site stormwater, groundwater, and wastewater, may negatively affect the health of my constituents in St. Catharines and the residents of Niagara on both sides of the border.

The Niagara River is recognized by both Canada and the United States as an Area of Concern (AOC) under the binational Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. Since 1990, The Government of Canada has invested approximately \$7.8 million to remediate affected areas of the Canadian portion of the Niagara River AOC.

In fact, if current strategies remain it is anticipated that the Canadian section of the Niagara River will be delisted as an AOC by 2019.

It would appear that the proposed expansion of the CWM landfill and its potential for negative environmental consequences are at odds with the goals outlined in the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement and current Canadian environmental remediation efforts in the area.

Furthermore, it is my understanding that the limitations on PCB concentrations in any water discharge into the Niagara River is set at virtually zero. The combination of a lack of technology to confirm any discharge indeed meets this requirement and the existence of PCBs found in CWM site waters (as mentioned above) is a point of concern.

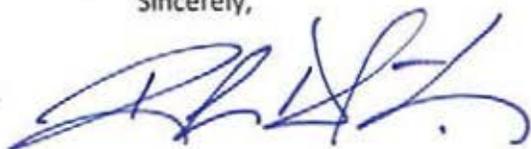
As a result of these areas of concern that I have outlined, I respectfully request status in any discussions regarding the proposed expansion of the CWM Chemical Services Inc. landfill site.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rick Dykstra', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rick Dykstra
Member of Parliament
St. Catharines

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