

We need emissions compatibility study done

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To the editor:

As a professional reconditioning technician, I have observed that certain chemicals, when mixed together, fortify each other and can be exceptionally effective.

However, mild acids such as strong vinegar, when mixed with an incompatible cleaner, can produce ground-hugging smoke and lung-attacking noxious fumes, especially if heat is applied to the equation.

I'm sure all the boosters of the proposed incinerator are convinced its emissions will be well within "safe" levels.

However, has anyone else really considered what might result when our warm prevailing summer winds mix the hot, high-solvent emissions of GM with the hot asphalt fumes of Oshawa harbour, drift across McLaughlin Bay to combine with the PCB's and heat from the proposed EFW incinerator, blend with the high-temperature carbon monoxide and nitrous oxides spewing from vehicular traffic all along the 401, are warmed further by the hot steam from the Darlington nuclear generator and then drift through the ultra-hot, coal-fired, acid-producing and corrosive plume of the cement plant?

I, for one, would like an all-encompassing scientific emissions compatibility study done to ensure that Durham's pet project -- to cost hundreds of millions -- will not leave Clarington smelling like a Hamilton, Sarnia or Sudbury.

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