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Clarington preferred for incinerator

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DURHAM -- A preferred site for a proposed energy-from-waste (EFW) incineration facility has been chosen by consultants and it's in Clarington.

A report released on Sept. 21 by Genivar and Jacques Whitford, retained by the regions of Durham and York to identify where an EFW facility should be located, states a site in Courtice has the best balance of advantages and disadvantages.

"It's greatest advantage is it is fairly close to where the waste is being generated," said Cliff Curtis, the Region's commissioner of works.

The site is located on the west side of Osbourne Road, with the nearest intersection being Hwy. 401 and Courtice Road.



Durham and York regions did a joint study to find a method of dealing with garbage, currently trucked to Michigan. In June of 2006, Durham Regional Council approved thermal treatment of waste and the recovery of energy as the preferred alternative to land filling.

The proposed incinerator would process a minimum of 150,000 and a maximum of 400,000 tonnes of trash from both Durham and York regions.

The Durham and York Joint Waste Management Group will meet Sept. 25 to hear the details of the consultants' recommendation and council will make a final site decision in December.