

How Did We Get Here?

(or should we call it:
“How to Get An Incinerator Approved In Ontario”?)

Ontario Legislation on Incinerators

- Under NDP government (Bob Rae) **incineration was banned in Ontario**
- The following Conservative government removed the ban, but no incinerators were approved or built
- The current Liberal government relaxed EA requirements for incinerator approval; a “screened EA” process is now possible

Durham/York Hire Consultants for Residual Waste EA

- GENIVAR and Jacques Whitford (now STANTEC) are hired to conduct environmental assessment
- Both Genivar & Jacques Whitford have been
- members of the Canadian Energy-From-Waste Coalition during this EA

Canadian Energy-From-Waste Coalition

Mission Statement:

“We stand for the promotion, adoption, and implementation of energy-from-waste (EFW) technology for the management of residual materials within the context of an integrated solid waste management system.”

Principal Funders of Coalition:

Covanta, Veolia,
and Waste Management Inc./Wheelabrator

Consultants/Project Team Develop Terms of Reference

- - Terms of Reference (TOR) **excludes full environmental consideration of incinerator ash and its disposal** from being required in the EA
 - TOR also **excludes zero waste and landfill options from consideration**

Minister Approves TOR

**Former Liberal Minister of the Environment,
Laurel Broten,
approves the EA Terms of Reference on
March 31, 2006**

thereby approving an EA for an incinerator that will not fully evaluate the impacts of ash and its disposal on health and environment

“Alternatives To”

- 1. Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT)
- 2. Thermal Treatment
- 3. Thermal Treatment
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- 4. Thermal Treatment

**Thermal Treatment Selected as preferred
“Alternative To”, 2006**

Generic Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment, 2007

Site Selection Report

**Courtice 01 Site Approved by Regional
Councils, January 2008**

Business Case, May 2008

Financial Analysis Challenged by Citizens
and Experts

Covanta Selected As Vendor

May, 2009

Site Specific Risk Assessment, May 2009

**Durham Council Approval,
June 24, 2009**

Clarington Peer Reviewers Dismissed Early

- July 6, 2009 - Clarington peer reviewers still have major concerns in a number of key areas (health and process) and still do not accept the disposition of the Project Team on some key issues
- With these issues still unresolved, Clarington Council (4-3) dismisses peer reviewers BEFORE the Final EA is released; they cannot review Final or Amended EA; Clarington does NOT submit comments during formal public inspection period