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Subject: Proposed Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan – Env. Registry # 013-4208

The Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario (APGO) was established to protect the public and the natural environment by regulating geoscience practice in Ontario. This mandate is our top priority and we appreciate the opportunity to provide input on the above-noted proposal.

In the past, APGO has been pleased to work with the MECP on a number of policy areas identified in the proposed Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan. In particular, we have been engaged with the Ministry on topics including brownfields, excess soil, water-taking permits, water resources protection, and others.

With respect to the newly proposed plan, APGO is in favour of reducing barriers to business provided that such actions do not come at the expense of the natural environment. We are supportive of science-based decisions that could improve and streamline environmental approvals. To that end, APGO looks forward to our continued relationship and kindly requests the opportunity to provide further input as any regulatory amendments evolve.

Sincerely,



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