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April 15, 2013

Mr. S. May
Aggregate Resources Officer
Ministry of Natural Resources
Guelph District
1 Stone Road
Guelph, Ontario
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Dear Mr. May:

**Re: Consultation Process – Aggregate Resources Act
James Dick Construction Limited**

As per the 45-day Notification and Circulation made by James Dick Construction Limited of their application for a Class A, Category 2 licence for a quarry below the water table at Part lot 1 concession 6, Guelph/Eramosa, Township, County of Wellington, staff of the ministry's Technical Support section have an initial review of the relevant portions of the supporting documentation to comment on the technical assessment that has been completed to date, specifically in terms of whether this assessment has adequately predicted the potential impacts to the area's water resources, and whether adequate and appropriate mitigation measures have been identified to address those impacts. The scope of our review is consistent with the direction that is contained within **Operational Procedure 2: To Address the Roles of MNR and MOE with Respect to the Review of Hydrogeological Reports Submitted Under the Aggregate Resources Act Within Southern Ontario, May 2008.**

The initial review was delayed since the package did not include appropriate documentation from MNR to begin the assessment. We have only been able to conduct a cursory review of the file at this time. With a detailed review, there may be a need for clarification or additional information that may raise MOE concerns. In addition, given the proximity of this proposed quarry to Blue Springs Creek and the sensitivity of that surface water feature, surface water review will be necessary. Since our review is not complete, MOE can not provide our support for the application at this time.

We would expect to complete our detailed review by the end of April; this date does not include any further review of additional information, if requested.

Given the above noted deficiency and potential concerns, the ministry objects to the application.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carl Slater".

Carl Slater
Manager, Technical Support Section

cc. Mr. G. Sweetnam, James Dick Construction Limited
Ms. J. Glassco, District Manager, Guelph District Office, Ministry of the Environment