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Mr. Andrew Pollock
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Waste Diversion Ontario
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Dear Mr. Pollock:

Thank you for your letter requesting an extension of the Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste (MHSW) Phase 2 Program Plan submission date of March 2, 2009.

I appreciate the complexity of developing and implementing diversion programs for a wide range of materials, such as those contained in the MHSW program. However, accessible and efficient services are increasingly expected by the citizens of Ontario to allow them to more fully participate in waste diversion and ensure environmental protection. The timely provision of these services is important to the ultimate success of these initiatives.

In your letter, you request a new submission date of July 31, 2009 for an MHSW program plan that will include changes to Phase 1, as well as the Phase 2 and 3 programs. I recognize that further time for the development of these programs will assist in developing the best possible program for the citizens of Ontario. Therefore, with this letter, I am agreeing to the requested extension. I look forward to receiving the consolidated MHSW Phases 1, 2, and 3 Program Plan on July 31, 2009.

Thank you, again, for bringing this information to my attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John Gerretsen", written over a large, stylized flourish.

John Gerretsen
Minister

