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Ms. Jessica Garner
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Dear Ms. Garner:

On February 27, 2019, the ministry received one Part II Order request asking that the Regional Municipality of York (York Region) be required to prepare an individual environmental assessment for the proposed Ballantrae-Musselman Lake Long Term Water Supply Class Environmental Assessment.

I am taking this opportunity to inform you that I have decided that an individual environmental assessment is not required. This decision was made after giving careful consideration to the issues raised in the request, the project documentation, the provisions of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, and other relevant matters required to be considered under subsection 16(4) of the Environmental Assessment Act. This decision was based on York Region's commitment to drill and install additional groundwater wells in Ballantrae. I understand that this commitment also includes the development of a mitigation plan to address the issue of rising water levels.

With this decision having been made, York Region can now proceed with the project, subject to any permits or approvals required. York Region must ensure the project is implemented in the manner it was developed and designed, as set out in the project documentation, and inclusive of all mitigating measures, commitments and environmental and other provisions therein.

The attached letter to the requester provides additional information on the reasons for my decision. In the interest of transparency, I encourage you to make this letter available to the greater public on York Region's website.

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Lastly, I would like to ensure that York Region understands that failure to comply with the Act, the provisions of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, and failure to implement the project in the manner described in the planning documents, are contraventions of the Act and may result in prosecution under section 38 of the Act.

I am confident that York Region recognizes the importance and value of the Act and will ensure that its requirements and those of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment are satisfied.

Sincerely,



Jeff Yurek
Minister

Attachment

c: Requester
EA File No. 19010 – Ballantrae Musselman Lake Long Term Water Supply