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Subject: RE: Amaizeingly Green -- Ministry of Natural Resources

I would recommend you get Kim to send a note to Ms. Begs bringing in question [REDACTED] credibility.
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Hon. Paul Bonwick, P.C.

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FYI

From: Kim Wingrove
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To: Sandra Cooper
Cc: Rick Lloyd; Sara Almas
Subject: Fw: Amaizeingly Green -- Ministry of Natural Resources

Please note below. Daryl Dorchak is in Houston at a board meeting for the rest of the week I believe. I will reach out to Cindy Hood to see what advice she can provide about how MOE intends to respond or expects from the municipality.

Feel free to call my cell. I will be back in the office tomorrow morning.

Kim

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**Subject:** Amaizeingly Green -- Ministry of Natural Resources

Gail Beggs  
 Deputy Minister  
 Ministry of the Environment  
 Ontario

Dear Ms. Beggs:

You may recall receipt to an e-mail I copied you on yesterday regarding how I believe the MoE enables the Amazingly Green (AGP) ethanol plant in Collingwood to operate with relatively impunity after four years of non-compliance with its Certificate of Approval (Air). Further, I suggested that MoE tardiness in resolving this issue plays nicely into the ease with which AGP continues to receive federal ecoENERGY subsidies despite its non-compliant status. I further surmized that MoE enforcement procedures are compromised by protocol entanglements.

Put simply, homeowners affected by environmental abuses (or "public nuisance" violations under the Municipal Act) have no where to go to seek timely, corrective action. By delaying conclusive action to ensure an industry is complaint with its CofA within a reasonable time frame, the MoE wittingly or unwittingly makes it possible for industries to receive subsidies -- even though ecoENERGY (ecoEBF) guidelines that call for full regulatory compliance are not effectively met. "In-accordance-with" provisions under the ecoEBF program simply mean that a government (in this case provincial) and a non-compliant industry can negotiate the terms and time frames for resolution with no concern for public impact.

Co-incidentally, after I sent the e-mail to you, I received a letter from the Honourable Joe Oliver, Minister of Natural Resources (dates Oct. 11, 2011). A copy is attached. In the letter he states unequivocally that a final conclusion by the MoE is required before any determination can be made by ecoEBF that a facility is in breach of legislation.

In principle, this position is reasonable. It is unreasonable, however, in the sense that there are no time lines prescribed by the MoE (or ecoEBF, for that matter) for reasonable and final conclusion. Consequently, politically inspired subsidies can continue indefinitely, protected by indecisive enforcement and vague euphemisms such as "in accordance with".

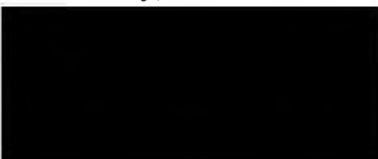
Environmental abuse and what is clearly a public nuisance continue in Collingwood -- and have done so for more that four years. The MoE fiddles with inconclusive test after inconclusive test; AGP makes minimal adjustments to satisfy Control Order and Amendments; new MoE Amendements are issued; and, what some see as life-saving subsidies continue to roll in. This process presumably can continue until the ecoEBR program runs out (7-9 years, I believe).

My argument is that four years of being "in breach" but "in accordance with" -- all in the same breath -- is both inappropriate and unconscionable for homeowners who pay the price and suffer the abuse. I also believe that subsidies to non-compliant industries do not in any way reflect the intent of otherwise sound programs such as ecoEBF.

As the Hon. Joe Oliver says, the ball is in your court. Surely your officers should report to his department that AGP continues to be non-compliant **with no foreseeable change in that status**. From there, one can only hope that ecoEBF's managers will follow their own guidelines.

Although I stepped down as Chair of CEEAC, I continue to feel that the current approval/enforcement process has the effect of defusing, or at worst, of setting aside, public nuisance incidents being endured by area residents. In Collingwood, the Control Order process has run out steam and credibility. I would respectfully suggest that definitive enforcement action (vis-a-vis AGP's CofA) to guide ecoEBF, undoubtedly inspired by your office, is now appropriate.

Sincerely,





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