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Dear Mr. Shnier:

Thank you for your letter of January 9, 2018, in which you communicate your concerns regarding the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change's decision on your request for a review of Environmental Compliance Approval number 0521-9XKKZ3.

In your letter, you discuss the location of boreholes completed on the property in relation to the area of a former building and a site diagram is provided. You indicate this is new information regarding your concern that the area could be a source of contamination to the Moon River during construction.

Ministry staff reviewed the matter and note that your request for review on October 26, 2017, had previously communicated this concern. Ministry staff carefully considered the information and remain satisfied that the requirements set out in the Environmental Compliance Approval for the implementation, inspection and maintenance of silt control measures at the site are sufficient to help ensure that the works are operated in a manner that is protective of the environment.

You also indicate in your letter, that Swift River Energy Limited has not established the sewage works as specified in the Environmental Compliance Approval and in your request for review concerns around the construction of the sewage works were also raised. The ministry remains satisfied that the current system meets the equipment specifications set out in the Environmental Compliance Approval. Ministry staff also inspected the sampling location of the final effluent from the treatment system and have confirmed that the sampling location meets the requirements set out in the Environmental Compliance Approval.

In your letter, you reference a verbal report from a construction worker of a diesel spill at the site around the week of December 4, 2017. Staff from the ministry's Barrie District Office have been advised regarding the alleged spills of diesel fluid on December 4 and 8, 2017. I suggest that you contact Mr. Tom Teske, Senior Environmental Officer with

the Barrie District Office, to obtain further details of the alleged spills and to discuss his observations during inspections of the construction site. Mr. Teske can be reached at 705-739-6419.

Thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen O'Neill". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Kathleen O'Neill
Director
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