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Mr. Phillip Bye, District Manager  
Barrie Area Office, Ministry of Environment  
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**RE: EBR Registry Number IA07E0068, Pauze landfill site, Tiny Township**

Dear Sir:

I have been charged by the Board of Directors of the Federation of Tiny Township Shoreline Associations to comment to you on the above EBR Notice. The Federation is an incorporated organization representing 24 ratepayer associations in Tiny Township, comprising approximately 1,700 households in total, both seasonal and permanent residents.

Since the foundation of the Federation in 1988, our members have been extremely concerned with the potential for groundwater and drinking water pollution and, potentially, lake water pollution arising from the closed Pauze site. On several occasions we have included articles and updates in our publication, *The Tiny Cottager*. Staff of your office have been helpful on such occasions in providing information on the composition and location of the leachate plume and the Ministry's efforts to monitor its effects.

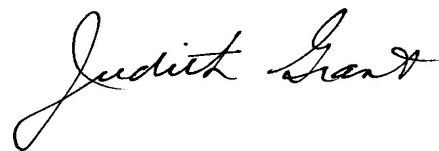
We have asked Dr. Jack Ellis, Professor Emeritus in Environmental Studies (and a Director of the Federation), to review your Draft Director's Order and the November 2006 Ground Water Quality Review report in preparing the following comments:

1. We are concerned that the leachate plume continues to escape from the site and cause unacceptable contamination of private wells in the area of the plume, which continues to advance. We agree that a groundwater monitoring plan should be prepared for the site, and we suggest that it include remediation measures.

2. We disagree that the plan should be paid for by the owners of the site. The Ministry has - for almost thirty years – monitored the situation, although the intensity of monitoring has been much lower in recent years than previously. We believe that the government, through the Ministry, has the responsibility to fund the planning and implementation of such measures to protect water sources. This was recommended in Part 2 of the O’Connor Inquiry report on the Walkerton disaster, Recommendation 7, which the Ministry has adopted and implemented.
3. We are concerned that information about this situation has not been made available to the Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit, the Municipality of Tiny Township and the public generally. Please let me know what steps you have taken to inform these authorities regarding your proposed Order for this site. Such actions are needed to comply with Recommendation 5 of Part 1 of the O’Connor Inquiry report, adopted by the Ministry, which calls for the Ministry to update local health units and “affected waterworks operators” in such situations.
4. We urge you to ensure that the Health Unit, the Township and local media receive all of the latest information the Ministry develops about the Pauze site, and in a timely fashion. One or more public information and comment sessions should be held when the site monitoring and remediation plans are complete.

Your adoption of these suggestions would be an encouraging sign that the public can have an appropriate level of confidence in the ability of the Ministry to monitor and control future undertakings such as Site 41 that might have an impact on groundwater and drinking water.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith Grant". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Judith Grant  
President

Cc: The Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario  
The Honourable Lauren Broten, Minister of the Environment  
Mr. Garfield Dunlop, MLA, Simcoe North  
Mr. Tony Guergis, Warden, Simcoe County  
Ms. Peggy Breckenridge, Mayor, Tiny Township