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**RE: Hydro One Networks' Midtown Project – Class Environmental Assessment for
Minor Transmission Facilities (“Class EA”)
45-Day Review of the Draft Environmental Study Report
Letter dated April 21, 2010**

Dear Mr. Delaquis,

Thank you for your comments on the Midtown Project Class EA draft Environmental Study Report (ESR).

In your letter, you commented on Permit to Take Water (PTTW), disposal of contaminated soils, and Certificate of Approval requirements.

Having reviewed your comments, we provide the following responses:

1. Dewatering is required during the construction of shafts and tunneling. Hydro One will consult with MOE during the detailed design phase if it is suspected that a PTTW is required.
2. As indicated in Section 7.1.3 **Terrestrial Feature** in draft ESR, excavated soils will be analyzed for contamination and based on the results will be disposed of according to MOE requirements. The soil disposal will follow Environmental Protection Act (EPA) and Ontario Regulation 153/04.
3. The MOE Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch is on our contact list and has been receiving notices throughout the EA process. The proposed transmission facilities will not modify the existing drainage, and will not have noise producing equipment. Therefore, no Certificate of Approval is required for the proposed work.

Thank you again for submitting your comments on the Midtown Project Class EA. If you have further questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at 416-345-5031, or Cynthia Yu, Environmental Planner, at 416-345-5045.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Y. San Ong', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Yu San Ong
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