



## ***DURHAM REGION LABOUR COUNCIL***

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Roger M. Anderson,Chair Durham Regional Council

605 Rossland Rd. E.Whitby ON L1N 6A3

Dear Chairman Anderson :

The Durham Region Labour Council is affiliated with the Ontario Federation of Labour and the Canadian Labour Congress. Affiliates to the Durham Region Labour Council represent tens of thousands of workers living in the Durham Region.

Recently the Regions of Durham and York issued a request for proposals to build and operate an "energy from waste" facility in the Municipality of Clarington. Five companies, including a company called Covanta, have been invited to make proposals. The company responses are due by January 15, 2009.

As you know the Durham Region Labour Council does not support the construction of an Energy from Waste facility in our community but we have specific concerns about Covanta. According to the Utility Workers Union of America (UWUA), Covanta has a deplorable track record of anti-union , anti-worker activity in the United States. Attached is a letter received from the UWUA outlining some of their concerns with Covanta.

The Durham Region Labour Council requests that these allegations be investigated thoroughly prior to accepting any proposal from Covanta. Should the investigation show the allegations to be accurate, we request that Covanta be removed from the competition.

To provide true benefits to our communities in the future, only top quality companies that demonstrate their respect for people in the host communities, including employees, should be considered.

Yours truly,

Jim Freeman, President  
Durham Region Labour Council

cc: Municipal & Regional Councillors

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