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The Hon. Chris Ballard  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
Ferguson Block 11th Floor  
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Toronto, ON  
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**Re: Regulation process for Excess Soils in Ontario**

Dear Minister Ballard;

On behalf of the Ontario Environment Industry Association (ONEIA), we are writing with respect to the next steps in finalizing the regulatory framework for dealing with excess soils in Ontario.

As we have shared with you in previous meetings, the Association has been working closely with the Ministry on this file for years and we applaud the efforts of your staff to date. The ongoing dialogue that has taken place through the Excess Soil Engagement Group (ESEG), for example, is widely viewed to have been a valuable and productive process for all concerned.

Now that the majority of the consultation process for the new soil regulatory package has been concluded, we understand that the Province now has three (3) options in moving forward:

- a) Pass the regulation, as currently drafted;
- b) Post the next draft version to the EBR for public consultation; or
- c) Consult with the ESEG again for one last review of the current draft before finalization.

ONEIA's Excess Soil Working Group has considered these options and recommends that, in the interest of time and to provide stakeholders with the opportunity to review the revised regulation and the manner in which it incorporates stakeholder feedback, that the Ministry select option (c).

In exchange for the opportunity to review the next draft version and ask questions, ONEIA and others across the environment and cleantech sector would commit to convene the ESEG in a relatively short amount of time to quickly provide input into the draft before finalization.

We hope that you and your staff will agree with this suggested course of action and will provide the ESEG with the opportunity to review the proposed regulation one last time. It is hoped that the Regulation will be passed in the not-too-distant future, so that other necessary and required activities surrounding the new framework can begin.

As always, ONEIA is open to discussing this topic, as well as any others, at your convenience. Should your staff have any questions, they can reach our office at 416-531-7884 or either of the undersigned at [grant.walsom@xcg.com](mailto:grant.walsom@xcg.com) and [agill@oneia.ca](mailto:agill@oneia.ca), respectively.

We look forward to continuing our productive relationship with MOECC on this and many other files of mutual interest.

Yours truly,

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