

RE: Streamlining of Approvals under the Aggregate Resources Act and Supporting Policy

Greetings,

Further to my letter dated May 29th, I am writing to inform you that after reviewing and considering the feedback received in response to the ministry's proposal (ERO # [019-6767](#)), a decision has been made to move forward with the expanded list of changes that can be made to existing pit or quarry site plans in Ontario without ministry approval (provided specific conditions and eligibility criteria are met).

These changes will add five additional activities to the existing list of routine site plan amendments that may be self-filed by authorized pit and quarry operators in Ontario. It's important to note that only those site plan amendments which satisfy all conditions and criteria set out in the updated regulation are eligible for submission under the self-filing process. All other amendments will continue to be subject to review and authorization by the ministry under the formal amendment process.

For complete details of these changes please refer to amended section 7.2 of [Ontario Regulation 244/97](#).

In addition to these changes, we have made administrative updates to the Technical Reports and Information Standards document, as well as the Amendment Without Approval and Objection forms. You can access the latest versions of these documents through our website, at ontario.ca/aggregates.

No decision has been made yet with respect to the proposed amendments policy that was consulted on as part of the same proposal. The ministry continues to review and consider the feedback received in response to the proposed policy and will communicate the outcome once a decision has been reached, including a decision notice on Environmental Registry.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about these changes or should you require a French version of this letter, please contact us by email at aggregates@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



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