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NOTICE TO CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION CONTRACTORS

Certain construction and demolition materials are considered wastes and must be handled according to provincial legislation. Ontario Regulation 347 defines “inert fill” as earth or rock fill or waste of a similar nature that contains no putrescible materials or soluble or decomposable chemical substances. All other materials such as wood, roofing material, insulation, wall board and plastics are considered biodegradable and must be salvaged or disposed of at a Ministry of the Environment approved waste disposal facility. Materials intended to be salvaged must be segregated at the demolition site. In addition, any contractor transporting waste for disposal is required to obtain a Waste Management Systems Certificate of Approval from the Ministry of the Environment.

The fine for illegal deposition of waste material and/or transporting waste without a Waste Management System Certificate of Approval is a maximum of \$250,000.00 for a first offence. As well, any profits from these illegal activities may be stripped.

Recycling Regulations 102/94 (Waste Audits and Waste Reduction Workplans), and 103/94 (Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Source Separation Programs), may apply to your construction or demolition project depending on the nature and/or size of the project. Guides to these regulations can be found on the Ministry’s website (www.ene.gov.on.ca) under: Publications – Forms, Manuals and Guidelines – Waste: Audit and Reduction.

If you are involved in construction or demolition activities and have any questions regarding the nature of the material or your responsibilities, please call the local office of the Ministry of the Environment at (807) 475 1315.