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Ms. Jennie Stevens
MPP
St. Catharines
Email: jstevens-co@ndp.on.ca

Dear Ms. Stevens:

Thank you for your email regarding your concerns about the management of contaminated storm water at the former General Motors site in St. Catharines.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks continues to ensure the protection of human health and the natural environment. We take the discharge of contaminants seriously and we are committed to holding polluters accountable.

The ministry previously ensured that the property owner completed their plan to plug the storm sewer and install a sewage works that collects, stores and treats the storm water prior to discharging to the sanitary sewer. Further monitoring has confirmed that PCBs are no longer an issue in the storm sewer. The ministry routinely conducts perimeter checks and has not identified any further off-site issues.

The ministry is aware that untreated storm water is being collected and stored on-site. This matter has been referred to the ministry's Enforcement and Investigation Branch for potential investigation.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Todd McCarthy".

Todd McCarthy
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks