

Holland Marsh Growers' Association  
12 – 16715 Yonge Street, Suite 296  
Newmarket, Ontario L3X 1X4  
905-251-6786  
[www.hollandmarshgold.com](http://www.hollandmarshgold.com)



June 4, 2009

Rooly Georgopoulos  
Stantec Consulting  
7271 Warden Avenue  
Markham, Ontario L3R 5X6

Dear Mr. Georgopoulos:

Again, thank you for taking the time to meet with concerned stakeholders last week (May 26) regarding the installation of a natural gas pipeline to provide this fossil fuel for the so-called green energy project known as a “peaker plant”.

The position of the Holland Marsh Growers' Association and its membership is, by now, well known. We do not wish to see this six-acre industrial facility constructed at or near the Holland Marsh nor do we wish to see the pipeline process proceed. Nor do we understand how Enbridge's environmental health specialist could tell all in attendance that the project is full steam ahead without doing any of the proper Environmental Assessments given for a project of this magnitude. While your decision to stick to main roads – regional and provincial – is an admirable decision, the impact upon the residents of King Township is greatly enhanced. We are equally mystified as to why the rush. There isn't a connection point yet established for the final destination – the YEC complex – and thus, the project is in limbo and will remain so.

In addition, we are curious about the environmental impact that this work will have upon the Holland Marsh – with its unique, organic-based soil, its vast canal system – and the fact that the work upstream of the Holland Marsh on Highway 9 has, indeed, greatly impacted upon water quality (silting), erosion (added water flow due to increased pressures), and movement of wildlife (mostly mammalian).

We realize that your full steam ahead approach is what is being warranted at this moment – but it is the hope of the Holland Marsh Growers' Association that there be a cooling off period to reassess and determine whether the project is both viable and still functional

before your company moves rapidly forward. Or, as Edwin Makkinga was quoted saying, “We hope to have this finalized by mid-June, we still need to get approval by the Ontario Energy Board, and once that’s done, we can start to build.”

It seems like a foregone conclusion – but most of the farming community and surrounding residents think otherwise.

As an aside, we would like to thank you for also taking into consideration the number of irrigation pipes that would have created a situation for our farmers on Highway 9 just west of the 400. This seemed like a deliberate effort to ensure the continuity of farming, from your efforts, would be impacted too severely.

Sincerely

Jamie Reaume  
Executive Director  
Holland Marsh Growers’ Association

cc: Dalton McGuinty, Premier, Ontario  
George Smitherman, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure  
Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs  
Mayor Doug White, Bradford-West Gwillimbury  
Mayor Margaret Black, King Township