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To:

From: Shawn Merriman, Chief Building Official

This is the tenth letter that the Township is sending out regarding the solar projects proposed for the North Elmsley ward. The Recurrent Energy (RE) Smiths Falls 3 appeal period to the Ministry of the Environment Renewable Energy Approval process is now over. Smiths Falls 3 will be located on the second property west of Burns Road and fronts onto Armstrong Road. The RE Smiths Falls 4 approval process is still ongoing and the final date to appeal is on June 30th 2012. The Smiths Falls 4 proposed location is on 319 Drummond Con 1.

If you wish to appeal the proposed Smiths Falls 4 project, this can be done with a written notice served upon the Director and the Tribunal to gain grounds for a hearing. A person may require a hearing under the *Environmental Protection Act* only on the grounds that engaging in the renewable energy project in accordance with the renewable energy approval will cause; a) serious harm to human health; or b) serious and irreversible harm to plant life, animal life or the natural environment. **Further information on the Environmental Review Tribunal's requirements for an appeal can be obtained directly from the Tribunal at Tel: (416) 314-4600, Fax: (416) 314 4506 or www.ert.gov.on.ca**

Clearing construction on RE Smiths Falls 2 located on 514 Buttermilk Hills is now completed. The fencing of the area is currently underway. It has been estimated that drilling will start on site two to three weeks from now. Drilling will be a minimum of 1 meter into rock, regardless of surface soil. Each solar panel will be supported by three posts. Drilling will begin on RE Smiths Falls 5 in approximately one month. Also, it should be noted that construction traffic may be seen on Saturdays on the official travel routes for Smiths Falls 2 and Smiths Falls 5. This is due to the increasing number of extreme heat warnings that causes work to be delayed. Saturday work will help maintain the developer's proposed time line on these occasions. If this situation does arise the Township will be notified about the increase in traffic. Information will then be communicated back to the residents along the travel routes.

It should also be noted that the second round of well water testing and monitoring is almost complete. The Township as well as RE now has a good baseline assessment of the wells in the buffer zone of Smiths Falls 2 and Smiths Falls 5. Well histories collected by Rideau Environmental Action League (REAL) have also been completed. To address any questions the residents may have about the well monitoring, results of tests as well as to give a solar project progress update to the community a work shop is being organized hopefully for mid July for residents to attend. The developer, REAL and the Township will be present to explain and answer questions to the best of our ability.

Subject:

Respectfully yours,

Shawn Merriman
Chief Building Official BCIN 34599
Township of Drummond/North Elmsley