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Dear OSSGA Members:

Re: ACME Aggregate (A sample company)

**Example Air & Noise Environmental Compliance Approval Application** 

## **BACKGROUND**

Golder Associates prepared this enclosed example Air & Noise Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) ACME application package, on behalf of OSSGA, to assist OSSGA members with the regulatory approval processes and compliance under Section 9 of the *Environmental Protection Act*. The project was initiated following a Practitioners' Group meeting in 2009, during which the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) gave a presentation on the success of sample ACME applications and other initiatives to reduce the approval backlog. At that time, the MOECC indicated they would actively support sectors looking to develop ACME examples for their specific sectors. OSSGA has therefore developed an example Air & Noise ECA ACME application package for MOECC's review and consideration.

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this ACME Aggregate example Air & Noise application is threefold:

- to demonstrate the information necessary to obtain an Air & Noise ECA;
- to help promote clarity in the submissions from aggregate producers for the benefit of aggregate producers and MOECC review engineers;
- to ensure a level of consistency among aggregate producers and the review engineers.

This application uses a simplified limestone quarry facility to illustrate common issues at aggregate operations in general.

## **DISCLAIMER**

This example application has been developed in consideration of the updated noise guidelines (i.e. NPC-300) and is consistent with other finalized guidance provided by the MOECC as of April 27, 2016. The MOECC is currently preparing updated guidance documents, which include revisions to the "Procedure for Preparing and Emission Summary and Modelling Report". These updated guidance documents have not been finalized and therefore any proposed changes to current procedures are not addressed in this example application. The OSSGA Environment





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Committee may review the example application against any new guidance, after that new guidance has been posted as final on the Environmental Registry.

The information provided is generic only. It has been prepared without specifically considering your operation, and is not intended to be taken as legal advice. If you need more details or advice about how to apply for an Air & Noise ECA, please contact a subject matter expert.

Should you have any other questions please don't hesitate to contact me directly by email at <a href="mailto:crobinson@ossga.com">crobinson@ossga.com</a> or by phone at 905-507-0711 ext. 205.

Sincerely,

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