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Mr. Phil Sidhwa  
Chair, Biosolids Taskforce  
Biosolids Utilization Committee  
c/o American Water Services Canada  
200 Eastport Boulevard  
Hamilton, Ontario  
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Dear Mr. Sidhwa:

Thank you for your e-mail of November 7, 2006, inviting me to attend your one-day conference on biosolids in Kingston on December 13, 2006.

I regret that I am unable to join you due to other commitments. I have enclosed greetings that you may wish to share with conference attendees.

Thank you, once again, for your kind invitation. I wish you a successful and well-attended event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leona Dombrowsky".

Leona Dombrowsky  
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Enclosure



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## **A Message from the Honourable Leona Dombrowsky, Minister**

On behalf of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, I commend the team from the provincial Biosolids Utilization Committee and the Water Environment Association of Ontario for bringing together representatives of Ontario's biosolids generating and receiving communities. This forum encourages dialogue between the key players, and is important in the development of consensus about the use of biosolids in agriculture.

The use of biosolids in agriculture has been a success in Ontario. Recycling resources, rather than disposing of them, is an important component of a sustainable economy. Biosolids utilization can - and should - be a "win" for the generating and receiving municipalities, as well as for cities and farms. With all of us working together, biosolids utilization in agriculture has been a viable solution in the past, and will continue to be one in the future.

The organizers of today's seminar have put together a solid agenda with well-informed speakers, including representatives from my ministry. I encourage you to bring forward any questions or concerns you may have about biosolids and their utilization in Ontario.

I wish you a productive and enjoyable seminar.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leona Dombrowsky".

**Leona Dombrowsky**  
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

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