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Craig Golding
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Ministry of the Environment
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RE: Proposed Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reporting Regulation and Guideline (EBR #010-7889)

Dear Mr. Golding,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Ministry of Environment's **Proposed Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reporting Regulation and Guideline**, which was posted for public comment on the Environmental Registry (EBR #010-7889). Conservation Ontario represents Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities. Working in conjunction with Ontario municipalities, Conservation Authorities (CAs) deliver programs and services that protect the province's land and water resources on a watershed basis.

Conservation Ontario acknowledges the importance of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to combat climate change and to protect, maintain and restore the health of our watersheds. Conservation Authorities are very supportive of the proposal from the Ontario government to develop a greenhouse gas cap-and-trade program for the province. The Ontario government's commitment to advancing work on the design of a greenhouse gas emissions trading system for Ontario to help meet the Province's climate change reduction goals and inform discussions on Ontario's participation in a broader trading program for North America, is applauded. Conservation Ontario supports the Province's intent to develop a regulation and guideline that would phase in requirements and support the implementation of a cap and trade program that can link to other greenhouse gas systems.

The Ministry is thanked for providing the opportunity to comment on the proposed Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reporting Regulation and Guideline and to remain apprised of proposed regulation and policies related to the greenhouse gas cap and trade program. We look forward to future opportunities to comment on proposed legislation, regulation, policies and programs related to this initiative.

Sincerely,

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c.c. All Conservation Authorities, CAOs/GMs