

JOSHUA CREEK

Residents' Association

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At the Joshua Creek Residents Association AGM in March this year, we had included in our presentation to the residents a brief outline on CRH and its current activities, and that sparked a number of questions, in particular on the issue of low carbon fuels and your link with Peel Region in testing alternatives. The concept of testing municipal waste diverted from landfill caused some concern, with the main thrust being "how is this different from the old idea of burning garbage, and the attendant problems such as dioxins and furans in the resulting emissions"?

The July 23, 2015 Ontario government announcement of approvals for testing low-carbon fuels (substitute fuels) is nearly two years old and refers to Holcim rather than CRH. Is there any new information that you can share on where this process is and what impacts on emissions other than CO₂ (e.g., PMs, metals, etc.) they might produce, and emphasize CRH's commitment to improvement in these? History from Europe and elsewhere might help here! Also, it would be useful for you to clarify how you will have to report to the Province and the community on the results of the testing of the burning of low carbon fuels and the timelines mandated for this.

Given the level of interest at the AGM in this issue, and the difficulty in finding any recent updates on the matter on your website, may we suggest that to ensure the public is kept informed you consider adding a new section to your website under the "Sustainable Development" category to deal with "New Technology" or "Minimizing Emissions" (or some such) that could be updated at least quarterly.

I suggested earlier that CRH consider emphasizing the use of "waste", broadly defined, in your current process (e.g., shale and other scrap/surplus materials) so as to highlight the actual utilization of such waste that you do as part of your activities.

Particularly in the light of your intent to increase production at the plant, steps like these could help to alleviate anxiety in the communities before they develop.

Finally, we received a question from the Mayor which I could not answer. I know that you have baghouses to capture PMs and the like, but do you also have scrubbers to treat the effluent gases? I could not find any information on the website relating to emissions control except in rather general terms, but I may not have dug deep enough. I think that these kinds of things should be easily accessed by the interested public, so if they exist they could perhaps be more obvious to website visitors.

Yours sincerely,



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