Statement regarding Durham York plant in Canada

Situation Summary

Following a recent stack test in May 2016, Covanta received draft test results for Unit 1 at the Durham York Energy Centre which were above the limit for dioxins and furans. Stack test results for Unit 2 demonstrated that all emissions were well below standards.

While Unit 1 tested above the very stringent stack emission limit for dioxins and furans, it is important to stress that the results are still well within point of impingement standards (the point at which a contaminant contacts the ground or a building) established by Ontario’s Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC), and do not represent a risk to human health or the environment.

It is also important to note that ambient monitoring results of dioxins and furans upwind and downwind of the Durham York Energy Centre were below the MOECC established applicable criteria. These results confirm that the facility poses no risk to human health or the environment.

The stack emission limit for dioxins and furans at the Durham York Energy Centre is one of most stringent standards in the world.

Representative test results, including previous stack tests and engineering runs have demonstrated compliance with this stringent stack emission limit. Covanta is confident in the technology and its ability to operate within these stringent emissions standards.

Covanta is actively investigating the cause of the draft test results, and have completed an abatement plan and will restart Unit 1 following approval from the MOECC.

Differences in Dublin

The construction and commissioning of the Dublin Waste to Energy Facility is being led by Hitachi Zosen Inova (HZI) – a world leader in constructing WTE facilities. HZI has worked on hundreds of facilities around the world and has commissioned 13 facilities in Europe since 2010, with no violations or issues relating to emissions. Covanta’s vast operating experience, combined with HZI’s construction and commissioning expertise, will ensure safe startup and commissioning of the Dublin facility.