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Omya is pleased to report that the cause of the slurry spill to Rudsdale Creek, dated June 23rd, 2010 has been identified and corrected, and that the results of the Ministry of the Environment water testing showed no impact on human health or the environment. The chemical analysis showed the water remained within Ontario Provincial Water Quality Objectives. Copies of the lab analysis are available by contacting Omya or the MOE. The operation of the Perth Water Treatment Plant was not affected as a result of the slurry product spill.

The spill occurred due to a slurry tank overflow to a rain roof drain. Omya took many corrective measures in order to prevent a recurrence of this or similar incidents in the future. Some of the actions include: upgrading existing tank monitoring instrumentation to improve accuracy, adding storm water control structures, installing an additional video camera to view the discharge point into Rudsdale Creek, making improvements to the maintenance program and performing a detailed review of roof mounted equipment.

In addition, the slurry solids and water that was collected as a result of the spill were recycled back into the plant resulting in no waste disposal.

Omya Canada Inc would like to thank Lake 88 and the members of the community for alerting us about the unfortunate release of June 23. With the help of the public and the quick response by our employees, we were able to stop and contain the material within an hour of receiving the notification and quickly notify the Ministry of Environment Spill Action Center, Perth Water Treatment Plant and local officials.

In the future, if you have any concerns of Omya's impact on the environment, please contact us at 613 256 5367 or via email at drew.lampman@omya.com.

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