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Government releases proposed regulation on preparation of local technical studies under Clean Water Act

Available for public review and comment until August 4

The Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) has released the proposed Assessment Report Regulation, a key document defining the requirements for the preparation of local technical studies under the Clean Water Act. In our area, the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee is responsible for overseeing this work. The Assessment Report Regulation prescribes the studies required to identify any significant threats or risks to municipal drinking water within the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Region.

The proposed Regulation is available for public review and comment for a period of 45 days through a posting on the provincial Environmental Bill of Rights Registry (EBR posting # 010-3873). The comment period ends on August 4. All comments received will be assessed and the means to address any issues or concerns will be considered. MOE hopes to deliver the final Regulation to Cabinet for approval no later than October 2008.

Included in the posting is another proposed Regulation, the Definitions of Words and Expressions Used in the Act (EBR posting # 010-3893), and a draft set of Directors Rules (EBR posting # 010-3866) to assist in the detailed preparation of the Assessment Reports. Collectively, these regulations and the rules will provide the specific guidance and direction to our SPC and others around the province as they prepare the Assessment Reports for each Source Protection Region.

You can find the documents at http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEBExternal/searchNotice.do?menuIndex=1_2&searchType=splash.

The Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Region extends across the Trent/Ganaraska River watersheds, covering a 14,500 square kilometre area stretching from Algonquin Park to Lake Ontario and the Bay of Quinte. Locally, Kawartha Conservation has partnered with four other Conservation Authorities in the region (Crowe Valley, Ganaraska Region, Lower Trent and Otonabee Conservation Authorities) to provide facilitation, coordination and technical support to the local Source Protection Committee.

For more information on source protection planning activities in this area, go to www.trentsourceprotection.on.ca or contact Glenda Rodgers, Project Manager, Trent Conservation Coalition, 613-394-3915 ext. 246