

June 25, 2012

Last opportunity to comment on the Cataraqi Source Protection Plan

The *Proposed Cataraqi Source Protection Plan* is now available for review at www.cleanwatercataraqui.ca. Printed copies of the plan are also available for review at the Cataraqi Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) administration office.

The plan was recently revised by the Cataraqi Source Protection Committee to address comments that were received during a round of public consultations held in March 2012. Any additional comments received by the July 31 deadline will be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of the Environment for consideration prior to approving the plan.

The Cataraqi Source Protection Plan contains policies to address existing significant threats to drinking water and the most common existing moderate and low threats to drinking water. It also addresses activities that could become drinking water threats if they became established. These threats were identified in a June 2011 Assessment Report.

The most common threats include fuel storage and handling, and septic systems and holding tanks. Other activities of concern include road salt application, manure and pesticide storage and application, and the application of commercial fertilizer.

The plan applies to the 12 wellhead protection areas and intake protection zones that surround municipal drinking water sources. It also applies to the highly vulnerable aquifers and significant groundwater recharge areas that make up 93 per cent of the Cataraqi Source Protection Area.

Written comments on the source protection plan must be received by **Tuesday, July 31, 2012**. Comments can be submitted to Rob McRae, Project Manager at:

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