

Cataraqi Source Protection Municipal Update December 2017

Regional News

Upcoming Implementation Reporting – Key Dates

Municipalities are required to report on source protection policy implementation progress since the Plan came into effect April 1, 2015. Thank you to those municipalities who have submitted reports in previous years. The first annual report to the MOECC is due May 1, 2018 and will require CRCA staff to report on municipal implementation progress from January 1 to December 31st, 2015, 2016, and 2017.

MOECC has recently provided changes to the reporting details required for each source protection area and region. [Online templates](#) have been created with the updated requirements and tailored to each municipality. They can be found on the cleanwatercataraqui.ca website. When filling out the templates, please provide as much detail as possible, including comments where applicable.

If there has been no change from the last reporting cycle or minimal progress over the last year, please indicate this in your reporting form or send an e-mail to kfurlanetto@crca.ca. Please also include an explanation about why additional efforts have not been made over the last calendar year.

All required submission deadlines for 2017 reporting requirements are outlined in the table below. Please let CRCA staff know should there be any reason you cannot meet the reporting deadline. A verbal report submission is also acceptable.

Implementing Body	Reporting Deadline
Ontario Ministries	February 1, 2018
Risk Management Offices	February 1, 2018
Municipalities	February 15, 2018
Local Health Units	February 15, 2018

Transport Pathway Notification

Under Ontario Regulation 287/07, one of the items municipalities are required to report includes the notification of development proposals that may modify an existing or create a new transport pathway (human-made passage where water can flow towards an intake or well) in vulnerable areas. Examples include stormwater ponds, ditches, sewers, and swales. The Cataraqi Source Protection Authority is required to review proposals to determine whether the modification or creation of a transport pathway may impact the vulnerability of a well or intake boundary due to the enhanced potential for contaminant transport. All municipalities are encouraged to review the [transport pathway notification guide and form online](#).

Drinking Water Source Protection Document Review

At the time of the Plan approval on November 24, 2014, the Minister of the Environment issued an order governing a review of the Assessment Report (2011) and the Plan under Section 36 of the *Clean Water Act, 2006*. The order indicates the Cataraqi Source Protection Authority is to

submit a workplan to the MOECC by November 30, 2018 outlining the review process and additional technical work that may be required.

The review is intended to be an evidence-based process to recommend any necessary updates to local source protection documents, with a focus on municipal engagement. The workplan will highlight information from municipal implementation progress reporting, identify portions of the Assessment Report and the Plan that warrant further review, and incorporate local growth to enhance the understanding of risks in our area.

Municipal consultation in 2018 will facilitate discussions about:

1. Implementation challenges and successes
2. Policy changes (add, remove, modify)
3. Forecasted local growth
4. Potential water quality and quantity issues
5. Upcoming changes to drinking water systems
6. Regional concerns for consideration



Source Protection Municipal Consultation – Save The Date!

CRCA staff will be hosting a municipal consultation session on **Monday February 26th, 2018** from 9:30am to 2:30pm to discuss the proposed workplan development for the review of the Cataraqui Assessment Report and the Plan. Lunch will be provided. The session will be split to discuss:

- 1) Implementation challenges, successes, and reporting;
- 2) Status of municipal residential drinking water systems, forecasted growth, and funding feasibility moving forward;
- 3) Proposed projects by CRCA staff; and
- 4) Proposed changes by the MOECC that may result in additional risk management and implementation efforts across the Cataraqui Source Protection Area.

Additional details will be sent out in January. If there is a known conflict with this date (i.e. conference), please let CRCA staff know. We look forward to your input and feedback in March.

Regional Risk Management Office Update

The Cataraqui Source Protection Authority will continue to support a regional risk management office approach over the next three years for six of the seven municipalities with significant drinking water threats. The Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands will maintain a local risk management office. Implementation details will be confirmed in early 2018.

Currently, risk management work continues to be completed by Holly Evans, as the designated risk management official and inspector. At this time risk malmanagement plan files are being revisited to address new property ownership and to confirm activities.

For those municipalities that may be interested in training a staff member as a Risk Management Official / Inspector, there is a scheduled session to be held in Toronto from January 15th – 18th, 2018. Registration is due by December 18th, 2017 to source.protection@ontario.ca.

Source Protection Municipal Implementation Funding Update

Most of Source Protection Municipal Implementation Funding (SPMIF) has been underspent across Ontario. Based on recommendations to the MOECC from recipient municipalities, nine municipalities in the Cataraqui Source Protection Area received an extension in early 2017, which outlined spending was to be completed by December 4, 2017. Final reports by recipient municipalities were due to be submitted to the MOECC by December 8, 2017, and agreements expire March 31, 2018.

Should your municipality require additional time to spend funds on specific projects prior to the agreement expiration date, please e-mail a rationale and notable challenges you may be facing to sourceprotectionfunding@ontario.ca.

Well And Septic Workshop – Registration Now Open

CRCA staff in partnership with the Lennox and Addington Stewardship Council will be hosting a well and septic workshop on **January 15th, 2018 from 6:30-9:30pm** at the Strathcona Paper Center in Napanee. The event will highlight speakers from the Cataraqui and Quinte Conservation Authorities, MOECC, KFL&A public health unit, and Public Health Ontario covering topics on groundwater vulnerability in the Cataraqui and Quinte Source Protection Areas, bacterial contamination of wells, what to look for in your well and septic system, and proper care and maintenance practices. For more details and registration information, visit www.crca.ca/events. Please circulate this invitation on your website and to all those who may be interested.

Questions / Comments

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