

Working with Other Government Agencies

Working with the Provincial Government

This information sheet serves to provide guidance and direction to Source Protection Committee (SPC) Chairs on working with other government agencies. There are information sheets for each level of government -municipal, provincial government, federal government, First Nations and other jurisdictions (Quebec/United States). Each information sheet offers direction/advice on working with different government agencies in relation to preparing the terms of reference (TOR), the assessment report (AR) and the source protection plan (SPP).

Introduction

A contact list of provincial government staff working on source water protection has been provided in SPC Chair orientation binder under Tab 2.

The Ministry of the Environment is hiring five Provincial Liaison officers and assigning fourteen drinking water inspectors (positioned across the province) that will be a resource and can facilitate discussions between source protection committees and the federal government and First Nations.

Ministry of Natural Resources has three Policy / Liaison Officers in their Aboriginal Affairs Unit that can be a local resource and provide advice. Their contact information is in the SPC Chair orientation binder under Tab 2.7.

Terms of Reference

The Provincial Liaison Officers will be available as a resource to SPCs if assistance / clarification is required while the TOR is being developed.

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Assessment Report

The Provincial Liaison Officers and Toronto technical staff from the source protection planning section will be available as a resource to SPCs if assistance / clarification is required while the assessment report is being developed.

The Ministry of the Environment is also hiring data specialists who will work on SPA and municipal originated information requests on threats and issues.

The Land Information Ontario (LIO) Database contains an enormous amount of information that will be useful in preparing the AR (LIO contains data on property boundaries, city boundaries, roads, population, zoning and land use information, topographical features, water -including water use, demand, quality, and wells-, plants, trees, fish, wildlife and much more). LIO is maintained by MNR and can be found at <http://www.lio.mnr.gov.on.ca/>.

Source Protection Plan

The Provincial Liaison Officers will be available as a resource to SPCs if assistance / clarification is required while the SPP is being developed.

Toronto based source protection planning staff will be available to each SPC to provide advice throughout the planning process.