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PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding *Draft Updated* Ganaraska Assessment Report: Lake Ontario Intakes Source Protection Planning Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Region

The public is invited to comment on the Draft Updated Assessment Report for the Ganaraska Region Source Protection Area, Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Region. The approved document (2011) identifies and evaluates threats to drinking water quality and quantity; this update will provide further identification of water quality threats to Lake Ontario intakes. The Ganaraska Assessment Report is the scientific foundation for the development of the Source Protection Plan. This plan, currently under review by the Ministry of the Environment, outlines policies for the protection of water supplies for drinking water systems.

Municipalities and the public are invited to review and comment on the *Draft Updated* Ganaraska Assessment Report. There are a number of ways to access the documents:

- **Online** – www.trentsourceprotection.on.ca
- **Hard Copies** – available during office hours at the following offices:
 - Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority
 - Regional Municipality of Durham
 - Municipality of Port Hope
 - Town of Cobourg

Background

The Ganaraska Assessment Report was approved by the Ministry of the Environment on October 6, 2011. The Source Protection Committee, through input provided by stakeholders, identified additional scenarios which could pose a risk to drinking water systems with intakes in Lake Ontario. A modeling exercise was completed in 2013 to determine if these scenarios posed a significant threat to drinking water: disinfection failures at local wastewater treatment plants, and fuel spills from tanks at local marinas. The methods and results of this exercise are provided in this *Draft Updated* Ganaraska Assessment Report.

As required by the *Clean Water Act* (2006) and its regulations, the Committee is circulating this report for review and comment prior to submission to the Ministry of the Environment for approval.

The Update includes:

- scenarios evaluated, including wastewater treatment plants and marina fuel storage
- modeling methods and results
- identification of significant drinking water threats
- maps of significant drinking water threats and contaminant collectors

How to Comment

Municipalities and the public are welcome to submit written comments regarding the *Draft Updated* Ganaraska Assessment Report during the 33-day comment period which ends **December 20, 2013** by:

- **E-mail** – info@trentsourceprotection.on.ca
- **Mail** – Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee
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