

1. Source Protection Committee Proposed Assessment Report

The Source Protection Authorities for the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region are pleased to announce the recent submission of the Proposed Assessment Reports to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment. The Assessment Reports, one for each of the three Source Protection Areas, will be considered by the Ministry of the Environment for approval.

The Proposed Assessment Reports delineates areas that supply water to municipal drinking water systems. It identifies the types of activities that are, or would be, threats to the source of drinking water in those areas. Water quality and quantity issues are also identified.

Electronic copies of the reports can be viewed at www.waterprotection.ca



Proposed Assessment Reports packed and ready for shipment to the Ministry of the Environment, September 2010.

Source Protection Plans

The next phase of the program is creating Source Protection Plans for each Area. These Plans will include policies to reduce the risk of contamination and overuse to local drinking water sources. The local Source Protection Committee will be developing comprehensive, responsible solutions to address the drinking water threats identified in the Proposed Assessment Reports.

The Committee is preparing for policy development by having discussions and workshops to develop appropriate decision making processes. Over the next few years, the Committee will: continue studying the Source Protection Region; decide on appropriate steps for identifying additional significant drinking water threats; and consider the possibility of recommendations concerning low or moderate threats.

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Source Protection Committee workshop, September 2010 – strategic planning session on policy development for preparation of Source Protection Plans. Process, structure and various other ideas were discussed as the Committee developed guidelines for creating policies for identified significant drinking water threats and possible recommendations.

Upcoming SPC meetings:

Friday, October 29, 2010 9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Southampton Town Hall
201 High Street, Southampton, ON

Friday, November 26, 2010 9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Walkerton Clean Water Centre
20 Ontario Road, Walkerton, ON

No formal business meeting for December 2010.

Friday, January 28, 2011 9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Grey County Council Chambers
595 9th Avenue East, Owen Sound, ON

Agendas and minutes are available on our website. www.waterprotection.ca



As part of the Georgian Central Soil and Crop Association Best Management Practices Farm Tour, a stop at a rock cut near Formosa highlighted how water can readily flow through small fractures in bedrock, increasing the susceptibility of ground water sources to contamination.

Education

The Education Specialist has designed a series of best management fact sheets that identify significant threats that could potentially be related to agricultural production. The fact sheets identify circumstances surrounding the threats to water sources, and provide information on best management practices to reduce the risk of contamination to water sources.

Presentations to numerous school groups have been completed by the Education Specialist. These presentations generally focus on how to protect sources of drinking water and where our drinking water comes from.

A program flyer, "Be a Water Steward", has been distributed to approximately 60,000 households throughout the Source Protection Region. This educational piece focuses on items such as ways to reduce your water footprint, how water connects everyone and water testing information.



Education Specialist at the Grey Bruce Children's Water Festival in Chesley, September 2010.

Early Actions Funding

The Early Actions program has received 124 applications in total. Applications are no longer being received as all funding has been allocated.

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Early Response Program

The Ministry of the Environment has established a new program called Early Reponse that will replace the Early Actions Program, as Source Protection Committees move into the Source Protection Plan phase.

Projects to address significant drinking water threats identified within the submitted Proposed Assessment Report will be eligible for funding. Types of projects may



The Grey Bruce Children's Water Festival, "Marsh Monsters" station. Students visiting the station used nets to find aquatic creatures. The importance of water quality is also incorporated into this water lesson.

Another great Festival, celebrating its 10th Anniversary!

include equipment, upgrades and similar projects to deal with: handling and storage of dense non-aqueous phase liquid, septic system upgrades, handling and storage of fuel, application of agricultural source material to land, and wells.

An application has been submitted to the Ministry of the Environment for Early Response funding. The program is anticipated to be rolled out early in 2011.

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