

Rideau Valley Conservation Authority

Update to Flood Advisory Message:

Advisory Terminated

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April 29, 2011 – The rain that fell on the Rideau River watershed was in the lower end of the forecasted ranges. The result is water levels close to normal for the time of year with no flooding. There is no significant precipitation forecast for the next five days. Therefore, the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority is terminating the flood advisory issued on April 25th.

About 42 millimetres of rain has been recorded at the Ottawa Airport since Tuesday. Similar amounts were recorded at other monitoring sites in the watershed. A few weeks ago when there was still frost in the ground, 42 millimetres would have run off quickly to the streams and there would have been a noticeable increase in the level. Now, with the frost gone, there is a much greater capacity for infiltration into the ground. The result is a less significant flow in the river system. Also, Parks Canada staff have been able to operate the dams on the system in a way that helped to reduce impacts throughout the watershed and particularly in the area between Kars and Kemptville.

Continued caution around the still cold and fast moving waters in ditches, streams and rivers throughout the watershed is needed. Everyone should stay well away.

The RVCA will continue to monitor weather forecasts and river conditions in the daily planning cycle of its flood forecasting and warning program. Based on those observations, either Watershed Conditions, Flood Advisory or Flood Warning messages will be issued as warranted.

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