

# News Release

## SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE FALL MEETINGS CANCELLED

RIDEAU VALLEY August 20, 2008 — Meetings previously scheduled for the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee (SPC) for September through December 2008 have been cancelled because the Committee has now finished the first phase of its work. The August 7 meeting in Plevna was the last meeting of the SPC until January 2009. Chair Janet Stavinga could call a Fall meeting if important issues arise.

Over the past seven months, the SPC has gotten up to speed on the Clean Water Act, developed governing policies, approved a public engagement strategy, reviewed preliminary draft technical reports and developed proposed Terms of Reference.

The Committee of 15 community representatives must now await the completion of the remaining preliminary draft technical studies before they can proceed with their next task which is developing the proposed Assessment Reports for the Mississippi and Rideau watersheds. Assessment Reports are due one year after the Terms of Reference are approved by the Minister of the Environment so we anticipate they will be due late in 2009 or early 2010.

So, SPC meetings previously scheduled for September, October, November and December 2008 are now cancelled. It is proposed that the SPC reconvene on January 8, 2009 and meet four times throughout 2009. Meeting four times during the year will allow staff to undertake public consultation on draft technical studies in between meetings in preparation for proposed Assessment Reports by the end of next year.

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