

# News Release

## ANOTHER PIECE OF THE CLEAN WATER PICTURE IS HERE

RIDEAU VALLEY, June 25, 2008 — The Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) has released the proposed Assessment Report Regulation, a key document defining the requirements for the preparation of local technical studies under the Clean Water Act. In our area, the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee is responsible for overseeing this work. The Assessment Report Regulation prescribes the studies required to identify any significant threats or risks to municipal drinking water in the two watersheds.

The proposed Regulation is available for public review and comment for a period of 45 days through a posting on the provincial Environmental Bill of Rights Registry (EBR posting # 010-3873). The comment period ends on August 4. All comments received will be assessed and the means to address any issues or concerns will be considered. MOE hopes to deliver the final Regulation to Cabinet for approval no later than October 2008.

Included in the posting is another proposed Regulation, the Definitions of Words and Expressions Used in the Act (EBR posting # 010-3893), and a draft set of Directors Rules (EBR posting # 010-3866) to assist in the detailed preparation of the Assessment Reports. Collectively, these regulations and the rules will provide the specific guidance and direction to our SPC and others around the province as they prepare the Assessment Reports for each Source Protection Region.

You can find the documents at

[http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB External/searchNotice.do?menuIndex=1\\_2&searchType=splash](http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB External/searchNotice.do?menuIndex=1_2&searchType=splash)

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