

News Release

GOT ADVICE FOR MOE ON SOURCE PROTECTION PLANS?

RIDEAU VALLEY, July 8, 2009 — The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) wants your input on how Source Protection Plans should be developed under the Clean Water Act. Currently, technical studies are showing us where drinking water needs to be protected. The next step is to develop plans that will outline how it will be protected.

The MOE has posted the document ***“Source Protection Plans under the Clean Water Act, 2006: A Discussion Paper on Requirements for the Content and Preparation of Source Protection Plans”***. The purpose of this document is to stimulate discussion about source protection plans, specifically:

- their content,
- how they will be developed; and
- policy options to address drinking water threats.

The Ministry is looking for your feedback on these items and will consider all comments when developing draft regulations on source protection plans later this fall.

You can find the Discussion Paper on the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry website www.ebr.gov.on.ca (registry # 010-6726). You can also obtain a copy from Sommer Casgrain-Robertson. Comments are due September 23, 2009 and can be submitted:

- Online at www.ebr.gov.on.ca
- Electronically to source.protection@ontario.ca
- In Writing to Source Protection Plans Discussion Paper

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This is a great opportunity for local municipalities and stakeholders to shape what source protection plans will look like before local Source Protection Committees start drafting them next year. Committees must submit draft source protection plans to the MOE for approval by August 2012.

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