

Watershed Conditions Statement:

Low Water Condition Ended

(WCS - 1/2012)

January 10, 2012 – This message is to terminate the Level I Low Water Condition in the Rideau River watershed that was declared on September 27, 2011.

The various forms of precipitation that have fallen over recent weeks have been enough to raise the total above the indicator threshold at the weather recording stations in and around the Rideau River watershed. The average is presently about 90% of the normal three month accumulated precipitation.

Streamflows are still slightly below normal for the time of year but well above what was seen through the fall months. With levels as low as they were, there was concern for aquatic animals surviving the winter. That concern is now somewhat alleviated with increased levels in watershed waterbodies.

Authority staff will continue to monitor conditions and report new information as it becomes available.

To learn more about Ontario's Low Water Response program visit:
http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/Water/2ColumnSubPage/STEL02_164583.html. Also, visit the RVCA website for local conditions.

Any individuals or business in the Rideau Watershed who may be experiencing unusual problems or hardships due to low water are encouraged to contact the Conservation Authority by calling 613-692-3571 or 1-800-267-3504, ext. 1128 or 1132.

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More Information:
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