

EBR Posting: ***Proposed Amendments to the Technical Rules***

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EBR Posting – 30 day comment period (Aug. 24 – Sept. 23, 2009)

- Major, Minor, and Administrative changes
- Based on input from program partners over past 6 months
- Intended to help SPCs complete their Assessment Reports within the mandated timelines

Amendments Proposed:

- Symbology and Mapping Document to be removed from the rules and adopted in the rules by reference
 - SPCs would be able to submit a work plan for completion of Tier 3 Water Budgets (rather than needing to submit the Tier 3 Water Budgets with this AR)
 - SPCs would be able to submit a work plan for completion of surface water work for GUDI wells (WHPA-E) (rather than needing to submit with this AR)
 - SPCs not required to identify IPZ-3 and associated threats (for Great Lakes) unless studies have been completed
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Amendments Proposed:

- Increased flexibility to address local conditions
 - *rational must be provided and Director's approval received*
 - Increased flexibility to use new or emerging methodologies
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 - Use of risk based approach to evaluate activities that could cause an issue at a drinking water system in extreme event conditions expanded beyond IPZ-3, to include IPZ-1 and -2 (applies to TCC Lake Ontario systems)
 - Ability to identify a significant threat (through issues evaluations) for systems not included in the Terms of Reference is to be removed. These would be moderate threats.
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Amendments Proposed:

- Changes to the circumstances for identification of agricultural threats
 - *application of agricultural source materials*
 - *non-agricultural source material*
 - *commercial fertilizer*
 - *storage of agricultural source materials*
 - *use of land as an outdoor confinement area or farm-animal yard*
 - *use of land as livestock grazing or pasturing land*
- **Managed Lands – Thresholds to be based on Vulnerable Areas (not CCS Area)**
- **Livestock Density – Thresholds to be based on Vulnerable Areas (not CCS Area)**
- **Livestock Density – Units to be generated in Nutrient Units for the purpose of circumstances and watershed characterization**

Amendments Proposed:

- % Impervious Surface – Province is “still consulting” on this
- Flexibility provided to SPC on including Species at Risk information
- Other changes that provide clarification re:
 - Highly Vulnerable Aquifer Delineation
 - Issues evaluation

Staff currently reviewing the amendments
