



## STAFF REPORT

**Date:** November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
**To:** Source Protection Committee  
**From:** Jennifer Stephens, Project Manager  
**RE:** Update on Activities following Assessment Report Approval

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Although the Source Protection Committee has received approval from the Director, Source Protection Programs Branch on the Amended Proposed Assessment Reports submitted in June 2011, only after a Notice has been placed on the Environmental Bill of Rights can this approval be made public.

The Notice is only for information. The Environmental Bill of Rights does not require the notice to be placed on the Environmental Registry; however, Section 6 of the *Act* does allow the Environmental Registry to be used to share information about the environment with the public.

The purpose of the Information Notice is to advise the public that the Assessment Report document prepared in accordance with Section 15 of the *Clean Water Act*, 2006 has been approved by the Director.

Until such time as the Information Notice is posted (anticipated December 2011 – January 2012), staff plan to make minor revisions to both the Ganaraska and Trent Assessment Reports. Concurrently, the data collected through the preparation of the Assessment Report will continue to be uploaded to the Province.

Once the Notice is posted on the Environmental Bill of Rights:

- A letter will be issued informing municipalities that the Assessment Report has been approved.
  - o Contents of this correspondence will include the approved Assessment Report digital GIS shapefiles outlining the vulnerable areas;
  - o The appropriate Threats Database;
  - o Direction to staff regarding updates to information provided digitally;
  - o A summary of the relationship between this approval and the timelines imposed through the Mandatory Inspection Program for Septic Systems under the Ontario Building Code; and
  - o A summary of the printed material that will be provided.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee receives this report for information.

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