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Dear Conservation Authority Source Protection Project Managers and Source Protection Committee Chairs:

I am pleased to take this opportunity to inform each of you that a new regulation titled, the General Regulation, under the *Clean Water Act, 2006* (CWA), came into effect on November 4 2008. The regulation numbers for the General Regulation are Ontario Regulation 287/07 (O. Reg. 287/07) (English version) and O. Reg. 386/08 (French version). This regulation is significant for a couple of reasons.

First, it is an amalgamation of the following regulations under the CWA:

1. Time Limits (O. Reg. 285/07)
2. Miscellaneous (O. Reg. 286/07)
3. Terms of Reference (O. Reg. 287/07)

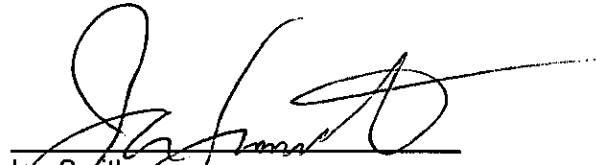
Furthermore, the General Regulation prescribes the requirements for the preparation of assessment reports under the CWA. It also contains statutory terms and definitions and prescribes a list of drinking water threats. These requirements were originally planned to be set out in the proposed Assessment Reports regulation and the Definitions of Words and Expressions Used in the Act regulation, respectively. For administrative reasons and to reduce the number of stand-alone regulations under the CWA, the decision was made to create a consolidated General Regulation. The Government also took the opportunity to make certain administrative amendments to the former Terms of Reference Regulation at the same time. The most significant of these are the elimination of the requirement to include estimated costs for tasks in the terms of reference (ToR), the elimination of the requirement to include an estimated date by which you will submit your source protection plan and a streamlining of the consultation requirements on an amended ToR such that only those parties effected by the amendment need be consulted. The decision posting on the Environmental Registry can be found at [www.ebr.gov.on.ca](http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca) under posting numbers 010-3878 and 010-3893. The regulation can be found at [www.e-laws.gov.on.ca](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca).

In addition to the General Regulation being made, the ministry is finalising the technical rules for the preparation of assessment reports. The associated Mapping Symbology for the Clean Water Act and Tables of Drinking Water Threats are also being finalised. These documents will be available through the Environmental Registry as well as through the ministry's Clean Water Act website once they are approved.

I am aware that you have many publications, documents, presentations, etc. that make reference to the old regulations by name and/or by number. The ministry is currently undertaking an exercise to review and update all of its material to reflect the changes outlined above. I ask that you follow suit and undertake the same exercise with your materials as soon as possible so that we all remain compliant with the current regulation.

Lastly, we are holding regional information sessions and technical workshops in regards to the technical rules and the preparation of assessment reports. These sessions are set to commence on November 14, 2008. I would like to encourage you to attend these sessions as my staff will be providing further details about these documents and source protection planning under the CWA. For more information, please contact Irena Cooney at [irena.cooney@ontario.ca](mailto:irena.cooney@ontario.ca) or by phone at (416) 314-0393.

Yours sincerely,



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