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Greetings,

I am pleased to provide you with the two attached documents, specifically designed for those municipalities who will have roles and responsibilities related to the administration of Part IV of the Clean Water Act.

The first document, entitled "**Administering & Enforcement Part IV under the Clean Water Act**" is intended to provide information and guidance on Part IV of the Clean Water Act, the associated roles and responsibilities of municipalities, as well as an overview of the Ministry of Environment's technical training courses that have been developed to satisfy the requirements for appointing risk management officials and risk management inspectors under Part IV, and for exercising entry powers under the Clean Water Act.

This document will provide a general understanding of the process and more specifically municipal involvement in the implementation and enforcement pertaining to Part IV of the Clean Water Act.

The second document, which compliments the first, is entitled "**Source Protection Planning Bulletin – Section 56 Risk Management Plans**". The ministry is providing this document to assist those municipalities who are considering using the authorities provided in section 56 of the Clean Water Act to apply risk management plans to significant drinking water threats in the interim period, based on the results of an approved assessment report and prior to that threat being addressed through an approved source protection plan.

Section 56 sets out a process for negotiating risk management plans with persons who are engaged in significant drinking water threat activities and, in limited circumstances, where negotiation does not succeed, authorizes a risk management official to establish an interim risk management plan through an order by a specified date.

I strongly encourage municipalities to review their options and understand the implications of section 56. Doing so will assist municipalities in participating in the source protection planning process as well as in laying the foundation to implement these tools once source protection plans are completed.

If you have any questions, please contact Keith Willson at (416) 314-0560 or [Keith.Willson@ontario.ca](mailto:Keith.Willson@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

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