

Public Consultation on the Amended Proposed Assessment Report for the Upper Thames River Source Protection Area

You are invited to read and comment on the Amended Proposed Assessment Report for the Upper Thames River Source Protection Area (UTRSPA). The posting of this report is an important step in developing a drinking water Source Protection Plan for the UTRSPA.

The Amended Proposed Assessment Report is a result of revisions based on direction received from the Ministry of the Environment, following submission of the Proposed Assessment Report for the UTRSPA and technical work to fill some data gaps.

The recent amendments to the report include:

- The delineation of Well Head Protection Area-E (WHPA-E) related to municipal systems that are Groundwater Under the Direct Influence of surface water (GUDI) systems
- Completion of drought scenarios for the Tier 2 Water Budget
- Sewer threats assessment in Perth County
- Updated threats assessment of pasture and outdoor confinement areas
- Various editorial changes including additional details and improved description of work

An Assessment Report includes:

- Identification of vulnerable areas associated with municipal drinking water sources
- The types of activities that would be considered threats in those vulnerable areas
- Any water quality issues associated with the raw (untreated) water for municipal drinking water systems that could be addressed through source protection planning
- A water budget that assesses areas where the quantity of water available for the municipal drinking water source may be stressed
- General background material that may be useful in developing a Source Protection Plan

Included in this Source Protection Area are the following municipal water systems: Beachville, Birr, Dorchester, Embro, Fanshawe/Hyde Park, Hickson, Ingersoll, Innerkip, Lakeside, Melrose, Mitchell, Mount Elgin, Sebringville, Shakespeare, St. Marys, St. Pauls, Stratford, Tavistock, Thamesford, Thorndale and Woodstock.

The Amended Proposed Assessment Report was prepared under the Clean Water Act 2006 for the Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Region.

The Assessment Report is available for viewing at:

- www.sourcewaterprotection.on.ca
- Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, 1424 Clarke Rd., London (8:30 am-4:30 pm Mon- Fri)
- Customer Service Desk, Oxford County Administration Building, 21 Reeve Street, Woodstock (8:00 am-5:00 pm)
- Perth County Clerk/Deputy Clerk's Office, Main Floor, County Court House, 1 Huron St., Stratford (8:30 am- 4:30 pm)
- Municipal Operations Centre, 408 St. James St. S., St. Marys (8:00 am-5:00 pm)
- A CD can be mailed to you

Attend a Public Open House:

Public Open Houses are an opportunity for you to learn more about the Amended Proposed Assessment Report and to provide comments.

Thamesford

Monday, July 25th, 3-7 pm
Thamesford Library, Beaty Room
165 Dundas Street

St. Marys

Wednesday, July 27th, 3-7 pm,
Community Centre Hall
Pyramid Recreation Centre
317 James Street

Dorchester

Thursday, July 28th, 3-7 pm
Community Room 1, Dorchester Arena
2066 Dorchester Road

Submit Comments in Writing:

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Comments must be received on or before August 8, 2011.

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