

# Surface Water Quality Analysis

**Drinking Water Systems:** (existing and planned)  
 (I): municipal residential  
 (II): included by a municipal council resolution (registered in the SDWA)  
 (III): included by the Minister (registered in the SDWA)  
 If Drinking Water System II or III is not registered under the O.Reg 170/03 or the SDWA O.Reg 318/08, then apply only IPZ-1. If it is registered, then treat it as Drinking Water System I

- 1- **Intake Protection Zones (IPZs)** (R:61{1,2},62-71): three typical zones based on the intake location.
- 2- **Transport Pathways** (R:72,73): sewer discharge pipes; trenches; open drainage ditches; gullies; swales.
- 3- **Vulnerability Score** (R:86-96): depth of water intake; distance of water intake from shoreline; volume of water body; water interaction within each zone.
- 4- **Uncertainty** (R:13-15): evaluation of vulnerable area; evaluation of vulnerable scores; score/rating of uncertainty (Low/High).
- 5- **Threats** (R:114-143): identification of threats for areas where vulnerability scoring is completed.

1- Delineation of IPZs		IPZ-1 (no dilution or little + high potential for contaminants)	IPZ-2 (operator response time)	IPZ-3	
Intake Type (R:55)	Factors	(R:61-64)	(R:65-67)		
Great Lakes (A)	Wind energy; waves; currents; shoreline movements; Water quality; atmospheric deposition	R=1000m full circle; inland setback 120m along abutted area measured from HWM or regulation limit, whichever is greater.	Minimum time of travel is 2 hours or greater based on the operator response time; setback of 120m or regulation limit, whichever is greater; no need for IPZ-2 if IPZ-2 is smaller than IPZ-1; area may be extended to include transport pathways (natural or manmade).	<b>Only applies if modelling is completed.</b> Contaminant reaches intake shown by HD (R:68{1}); modelling is used for extreme events; inland setback 120m along abutted area measured from HWM (R:68{2}) or regulation limit, whichever is greater; IPZ-3 should not exceed the water body contribution for intake (R:69, 70{1}).	
Great Lakes Connecting Channel (B)		R=1000m semi circle; shape may vary based on HD with setback of 100m; can be modified based on HD; inland setback 120m along abutted area from HWM or regulation limit, whichever is greater.			
Inland Rivers/Streams (C)		R=200m semi-circle; land backflow based on HD plus 10m setback or depends on HD. Full circle of 200m sometimes is required; or up to 1000m based on HD for Rule 62 only; Can be modified based on HD; Inland setback 120m along abutted area from HWM or regulation limit, whichever is greater.		If intake is on Lake St.Clair, Lake Simcoe, Lake Nipissing or Ottawa River, then delineate it as Type A or B intake.	All other types of C&D intakes, the entire water body that contributes to the intake; inland setback 120m along abutted area measured from HWM (R:68{2}) or regulation limit, whichever is greater.
Inland Lakes Intakes (D)		R=1000m full circle, includes land and water and can be changed based on HD; inland setback 120m along abutted area from HWM or regulation limit, whichever is greater.			

**Note:** IPZ-2 should not include an area of land/water of IPZ-1 (R:74).

**Note:** IPZ-3 should not include an area of land/water of IPZ-1 & IPZ-2 (R:75).

## 2- Considerations of Transport Pathways

**Transport Pathways:** it is designed from the HWM. Delineation can be extended to include an area that may contribute to the intake through a pathway that influences travel time to an intake. Consideration of Hydrological and Hydro-geological conditions is required for the pathways design (R:72-75).

## 3- Vulnerability Score

**Vulnerability Scoring (V):** No chemical, physical or biological properties are taken into account.  
 $V$  (R:86-96) =  $V_{fa} * V_{fs}$  where  $V_{fa}$  is the Area Vulnerability Factor and  $V_{fs}$  is the Source Vulnerability Factor.

	$V_{fa}$			$V_{fs}$	$V$		
	IPZ-1	IPZ-2	IPZ-3		IPZ-1	IPZ-2	IPZ-3
Type A	10	7-9	N/A	0.5-0.7	5-7	3.5-6.3	N/A
Type B	10	7-9	N/A	0.7-0.9	7-9	4.9-8.1	N/A
Type C	10	7-9	1-9	0.9-1	9-10	6.3-9	0.9-9
Type D	10	7-9	1-9	0.8-1	8-10	5.6-9	0.8-9

**Considerations for  $V_{fa}$  Factors (R:88-93):**  
 Rainfall  
 Land cover  
 Soil permeability  
 Slope  
 Transport pathways  
 Urban drainage  
 Open drains ditches, and  
 Distance of threat source.

**Considerations for  $V_{fs}$  Factors (R:94-96):**  
 Depth of intake  
 Length of intake from shoreline  
 Historical water records, and  
 Number of past incidents exceeding the WQ standard.

**Note:**  $V_{fa}$  of IPZ-2  $\leq V_{fa}$  of IPZ-1 and  $V_{fa}$  of IPZ-3  $\leq V_{fa}$  of IPZ-2

## 5- Overview of Threats Identification

**Drinking Water Threat:** Activities (R:118-125) or conditions (R:126) that could affect the quality of drinking water. New threats can be added by SPC with approval of the director.

**Approaches:** Threats Approach (R:127 to 137), i.e. activities in the list of drinking water threats, new drinking water threats/circumstances, can be added by SPC with approval of the director.  
 Event Based Approach (R:130), i.e. activities where modelling or other methods show activities can cause an issue at an intake.  
 Issues Approach (R:131), i.e. activities that are located in an issue contributing area and can contribute to that issue.

	Activities	Conditions
<b>Significant</b>	Hazard rating > 4 + Risk Score $\geq$ 80 (R:128)	Hazard rating =10 + Risk Score $\geq$ 80 (R:139,140)
<b>Moderate</b>	Hazard rating > 4 + Risk Score $\geq$ 60 to <80 (R:132)	Risk Score $\geq$ 60 to < 80 (R:139,142)
<b>Low</b>	Hazard rating > 4 + Risk Score $\geq$ 40 to <60 (R:136)	Risk Score $\geq$ 40 to < 60 (R:139,143)

**Risk score = Hazard rating \* Vulnerability score**



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**Acronyms:**  
 GW: Groundwater  
 HD: Hydrodynamics  
 HWM: High Water Mark  
 RS: Risk Score  
 SDWA: Safe Drinking Water Act  
 SPA: Source Protection Area  
 SPC: Source Protection Committee  
 ST: Standard  
 SW: Surface Water  
 WQ: Water Quality