



Thames - Sydenham and Region  
c/o Upper Thames River Conservation Authority  
1424 Clark Road, London, On N5V 5B9

July 16, 2010

[Mailing Address of Property Owner(s)]

Dear [Landowner]

**Re: draft Upper Thames River Assessment Report posted for comment**

I am writing to let you know that the Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Committee has posted a draft of the Upper Thames River Source Protection Area Assessment Report for comments. We hope that you have taken the opportunity to attend one of the many open houses held throughout the region. These open houses were locally focused and provided information on the vulnerability assessment of proposed Wellhead Protection Areas. They also provided information pertaining to the local municipal drinking water system. This information has now been included in this draft of the Assessment Report. As you will see from the attached notice of posting, additional open houses are planned. These meetings will be focused more on the draft document as a whole. We hope that you will have an opportunity to attend one of the open houses or provide your comments on the Assessment Report as discussed in the attached notice.

The Upper Thames River Source Protection Area Assessment Report includes:

- o the identification of vulnerable areas associated with municipal drinking water sources,
- o the types of activities which would be considered threats in those vulnerable areas,
- o any water quality issues associated with the raw (untreated) water to municipal drinking water systems which could be addressed through source protection planning,
- o a water budget which assesses areas where the quantity of water available for the municipal drinking water source may be stressed, and
- o general background material which might be useful in developing a Source Protection Plan.

Once an Assessment Report is completed the Source Protection Committee (SPC) can move on to developing a plan to reduce the threats to drinking water sources. More information on the Source Protection Planning process and the Assessment Report is available on our website at the address on the bottom of this page.

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The Clean Water Act requires that the SPC provide a copy of the attached notice of posting to property owners who the committee believes may be engaged in activities which would be significant threats to the drinking water sources. I am writing you as it is possible that your property **[merge property identification information]** may have significant threats occurring on it. As we continue our work on the Assessment Reports and develop the Source Protection Plan for the area, it is important that we have the opportunity to confirm whether you are engaged in an activity which would be significant. We will be contacting you later in the year to review this information with you. If however you would like to discuss this now, please do not hesitate to contact your local conservation authority, the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority at 519-451-2800 to speak with Chris Tasker at extension 238 (e-mail: [taskerc@thamesriver.on.ca](mailto:taskerc@thamesriver.on.ca)) or Chitra Gowda at 519-354-7310 extension 228 (e-mail: [gowdac@thamesriver.on.ca](mailto:gowdac@thamesriver.on.ca)). Once the site specific risk assessment has been completed, the number of significant threats will be updated in the Assessment Report.

I hope that if you have any comments or concerns with the Assessment Report you will take the time to attend one of the open houses or submit your comments as noted in the attached notice.

Yours truly,  
Thames-Sydenham and Region

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Bedgood', is written over a white background.

Bob Bedgood, Chair  
Source Protection Committee