

Thames – Sydenham and Region Drinking Water Source Protection Source Protection Committee Discussion Paper

Report to Chair and members
Thames – Sydenham and Region
Source Protection Committee

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Re: Consultation Comments on apSPP and updated ARs and proposed revisions

Background

1. The amended proposed Source Protection Plan (apSPP) and updated Assessment Reports (uAR) were posted for public consultation on December 18, 2014. The consultation period closed January 22, 2015. The following actions were taken during this consultation period:
 - a. Notification was sent to policy implementers requesting comments on the documents;
 - b. 513 letters were sent to landowners of properties where potential significant threats have been identified. These letters indicated the potential activities which were identified for their properties and notifying them of their opportunity to comment on the apSPP and uARs;
 - c. Notifications of the public consultation and the open houses for the apSPP and uARs was posted in newspapers throughout the region beginning December 20; and,
 - d. Three public open houses were held, one at each of the CA offices.

Discussion

1. Thirty-five landowners contacted staff during the consultation period by phone or email. The majority of landowners were contacting staff with questions about how their property was identified, what the SPP policies will mean for them and how the program will move forward from here. Staff members were able to answer all of these questions directly. None of the landowners provided any input that would result in a change to the policies within the apSPP.
2. 22 people attended the 3 open houses that were held during the consultation period. The majority of the landowners came to the open houses to ask staff questions about how their property was identified, what the SPP policies will mean for them and how the program will move forward from here. Staff members were able to answer all of these questions directly. None of the landowners provided any input that would result in a change to the policies within the apSPP.
3. Review of the comments/questions received from the public revealed that a large proportion of them were not actionable in nature (e.g. not something that would result in changes to the proposed policies), but instead are questions requiring clarification. This has been addressed by staff contacting the individual commenter(s) directly to answer these questions. Comments received from the public are included in the attached table titled "*Consultation Comments Received from Members of the Public*".
4. The comments received by policy implementers have been listed in the attached table entitled "*Implementer Source Protection Plan Consultation Comments*". The table also includes staff response and recommended action for each comment. The comments received from OMAFRA have resulted in suggested updates to the wording of several of the agriculture policies.
5. Another table which is titled "*Policies proposed to be updated based on OMAFRA comments*" has been created to show these revisions. This table shows the current policy wording on the left hand side with the updated policy wording on the right hand side of the table.
6. The final table provided includes the revisions proposed to the Assessment Reports which have resulted from the comments of implementers. This table is titled "*Implementer Assessment Report Consultation Comments*".

During discussion on the comments and proposed revisions staff will focus on those comments/revisions which they are looking for specific clarification on skipping over those which are considered minor editorial revisions. ***If members wish to discuss other comments/revisions please identify the revision and questions in advance of the meeting to facilitate discussion on the teleconference. Questions should be provided by email to Chris Tasker.***