

October 25, 2024

Notice of Pre-Consultation – Amended Grand River Source Protection Plan

You are being provided this notice and information because your municipality may be affected by the proposed update of water quality Wellhead Protection Areas (WHPAs) and/or are responsible for the implementation of Source Protection Plan policies.

The Grand River Source Protection Authority is the lead authority in the Lake Erie Source Protection Region. Together with the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee, the Source Protection Authority has initiated an amendment to the Grand River Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan under S.34 of the *Clean Water Act, 2006*.

Updates to the Grand River Assessment Report:

A technical study has been completed in the City of Hamilton that has resulted in the following updates:

- incorporation of a replacement well at the Lynden Communal Well System to replace a well that has been decommissioned. The WHPA-A of the existing system has been modified with no new WHPA modelling required.
- Enumeration of significant drinking water threat activities to align with the 2021 Technical Rules. There are no new drinking water threats as a result of the shift in WHPA-A.

This technical work is proposed to be incorporated into the Grand River Assessment Report.

Updates to the Grand River Source Protection Plan:

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks approved the first iteration of the Grand River Source Protection Plan on November 26, 2015. This proposed update is one of several since the first approval.

As part of this S.34 amendment, the following updates are to be incorporated into the Source Protection Plan:

- Text edits to policies to align with the new and amended subthreat categories under the 2021 Technical Rules
- New and revised policies for significant, moderate and low liquid hydrocarbon pipeline threats. These policies are proposed to be consistent across Lake Erie Region and have been adopted into other recent Source Protection Plan updates.

Commenting on the proposed updates:

The draft amended sections of the Grand River Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan are available on the Grand River Conservation Authority's **file sharing site [see email for the link to access]**.

Please review the proposed updates as they relate to your requirements for policy implementation and provide any comments to:

Kaitlyn Rosebrugh
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Lake Erie Source Protection Region
519-621-2763 ext. 2318
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If you would like to discuss any of the material provided in this notice, please contact Kaitlyn Rosebrugh at the phone number or email listed above.

Municipal Endorsement and Public Consultation

As required by S.34 (3) of the *Clean Water Act, 2006*, the Source Protection Authority must obtain municipal council resolutions endorsing the Source Protection Plan amendments from any affected municipalities prior to formal public consultation.

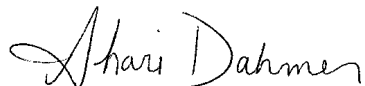
The Source Protection Authority is requesting a council resolution to support the amendments from the City of Hamilton. The resolution can be sent to Kaitlyn Rosebrugh at the address above **by November 15, 2024**.

Public consultation on the Grand River Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan amendment will follow this pre-consultation period and is anticipated for December 2024.

Any public comments received will be considered by the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee. The draft updated Source Protection Plan will be revised as necessary and released to the Source Protection Authority for submission to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for their review and approval.

Sincerely,

Shari Dahmer



Source Protection Program Manager
Lake Erie Source Protection Region