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## **APPENDICES**

(Appendices A to E)

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## APPENDIX A

### The Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Area Assessment Report

### is available on-line at

http://www.sourceprotectionniagara.ca/assess\_report.html

or a paper copy is available for viewing at 250 Thorold Road West, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Welland Ontario

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# **APPENDIX B**

Lists of Policies as per Section 34 of Regulation 287/07

LIST	TITLE	POLICIES
A	<b>S</b> ignificant threat policies that affect decisions under the <i>Planning Act</i> and <i>Condominium</i> <i>Act</i> , 1998 (not all policies refer to the <i>Condominium Act</i> )	Clause 39 (1)(a), subsections 39 (2), (4) and (6), and sections 40 and 42 of the <i>Clean Water Act, 2006</i> apply to the following policies: G-1,G-2,G-3,G-4,DC-1,DC-2,DC-3,DC-5, PC-1,PC-6, PC-8,PC- 9, PC-15, PC-17,PC-20,PC-22, PC-26, NF-1,NF-2, NF-3,NF-5
В	Moderate and low threat policies that affect decisions under the <i>Planning Act</i> and <i>Condominium</i> <i>Act</i> , 1998	Subsection 39 (1) (b) of the <i>Clean Water Act, 2006</i> applies to the following policies: No applicable policies.
с	Significant threat policies that affect prescribed instrument decisions	Subsection 39 (6), clause 39 (7) (a), section 43 and subsection 44 (1) of the <i>Clean Water Act, 2006</i> apply to the following policies: G-5,DC-1,DC-2,DC-7,PC-1,PC-12,PC-15,PC-16, PC-20, PC-24, NF-1,NF-2,NF-6
D	Moderate and low threat policies that affect prescribed instrument decisions	Clause 39 (7) (b) of the <i>Clean Water Act, 2006</i> applies to the following policies: No applicable policies.
E	Significant threat policies that impose obligations on municipalities, source protection authorities and local boards	Section 38 and subsection 39 (6) of the Clean Water Act, 2006 applies to the following policies: G-7, WL-2, DC-6,DC-9, PC-10, PC-18, PC-19, PC-30, NF-4
F	Monitoring policies referred to in subsection 22 (2) of the <i>Clean Water Act, 2006</i>	Section 45 of the <i>Clean Water Act, 2006</i> applies to the following policies: M-1,M-2,M-3,M-4,M-5,M-6,M-7,M-8,M-9,M-10,M-11
G	Policies related to section 57 of the <i>Clean Water Act, 2006</i>	The following policies relate to section 57 (prohibition) of the <i>Clean Water Act</i> : PC-13
н	Policies related to section 58 of the Clean Water Act, 2006	The following policies relate to section 58 (risk management plans) of the <i>Clean Water Act:</i> DC-4, PC-5, PC-25
I	Policies related to section 59 of the Clean Water Act, 2006	The following policies relate to section 59 (restricted land use) of the <i>Clean Water Act</i> . DC-5, PC-6, PC-26
J	Strategic action policies	For the purpose of section 33 of Ontario Regulation 287/07, the following policies are identified as strategic action policies: WL-1, DC-6, DC-8, PC-28, PC-29 and NF-7
к	Non-legally binding commitments	Significant threat policies directed to the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority, a federal body. G-6,WL-3, WL-4, DC-10, DC-11, PC-2, PC-7, PC-11, PC-14,PC- 21, PC-23, PC-27, PC-31, and PC-32 Significant threat policies directed to Transport Canada, a federal body: G-8, WL-3, DC-10, PC-31 Significant Threat policies directed to Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) Spills Action Centre (SAC): WL-3, DC-10, PC-31 Significant Threat policies directed to Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO): WL-3, DC-10

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## **APPENDIX C**

Table of Prescribed Instruments for Source Protection Plan Policies in Lists C and D (of Appendix B)

Policy ID	Legal Effect	Environmental Protection Act – waste sites and systems	Nutrient Management Act – nutrient management strategies	<i>Nutrient Management Act</i> – nutrient management plans	<i>Nutrient Management Act</i> – NASM plans	Ontario Water Resources Act – sewage works	Pesticides Act – permits
DC-1 PC-1 PC-15 NF-1	Conform with	X					
DC-2 PC-12 PC-16 PC-20 NF-2	Conform with	X				x	
DC-7 PC-24 NF-6	Conform with	X			X		

Table C.1 – Prescribed Instruments which apply to source protection plan policies in Lists C & D (ss 3494) of O.Reg. 287/07)

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## APPENDIX D

**Policy Summary Matrix** 

### Table D.1 – Policy Summary Matrix

### December 17, 2013

Policy IDs	Legal Effect (conform with, have regard to, non-binding)	Policy affects decisions under the Planning Act and Condominium Act, 1998 (Lists A and B)	Policy affects Prescribed Instrument decisions (Lists C and D)	Significant threat policies that impose obligations on municipalities, source protection authorities and local boards (List E)	Monitoring policies referred to in s.22(2) of the CWA (List F)	Part IV Policies - Significant threat policies that are designated in the plan as requiring a risk management plan, are prohibited under s. 57, or to which s. 59 of the CWA applies (Lists G, H, and I)	Strategic Action Policies (List J)	Significant threat policies which designate a body other than a municipality, source protection authority or local board as responsible for implementing the policy (List K)
G-1 G-2 G-3 G-4 DC-1 DC-2 DC-3 DC-5 PC-1 PC-8 PC-9 PC-15 PC-17 PC-20 PC-22 PC-26 NF-1 NF-2 NF-3 NF-5	Conform with	Х						

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G-5 DC-1 DC-2 DC-7 PC-12 PC-15 PC-16 PC-20 PC-24 NF-1 NF-2 NF-6	Conform with		X					

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G-6 G-8 WL-3 WL-4 DC-10 DC-11 PC-2 PC-7 PC-11 PC-14 PC-21 PC-23 PC-27 PC-31 PC-32	Non-legally binding commitments							X

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G-7 WL-2 DC-6 DC-9 PC-10 PC-18 PC-19 PC-30 NF-4	Conform with			Х				
DC-4 DC-5 PC-5 PC-6 PC-13 PC-25 PC-26	Conform with					Х		

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WL-1 DC-6 DC-8 PC-28 PC-29 NF-7	Non-legally binding commitments						х	
M-1 M-2 M-3 M-4 M-5 M-6 M-7 M-8 M-9 M-10 M-11	Conform with				Х			

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# **APPENDIX E**

Summary of Process to Develop the

- Terms of Reference,
- Assessment Report,

and the

• Source Protection Plan



#### Summary of Process to Develop the Terms of Reference (TOR) <u>Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Committee (SPC)</u>

The following is a summary of the process undertaken to develop the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Area.

- A 'Notice of Commencement' of the Development of the TOR was sent to all 15 municipalities located in the Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Area.
- The Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Committee (NPSPC) approved the Draft Proposed Terms of Reference (TOR) on May 20, 2008.
- On May 28, 2008 the Draft Proposed TOR was posted on the internet (at <u>http://www.sourceprotection-niagara.ca/</u>)
- On May 28 the SPC approved the dates and locations for holding public meetings concerning the Draft Proposed TOR
- On May 30 notices were published in four daily newspapers (Hamilton Spectator,
- St. Catharines Standard, Welland Tribune, and Niagara Falls Review). The notices requested public comments on the Draft Proposed TOR and provided information on the public meetings. Additional notices were published in two weekly newspapers.
- A 35-day commenting period commenced May 30, with the publishing of the notices in the daily newspapers. The commenting period end on July 7, 2008.
- Approximately 500 notices were mailed out to local stakeholders by June 6, 2008.
- As required by the CWA, a copy of the Draft Proposed TOR was sent to each of the 15 municipalities located in the Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Area for their comments. The municipality contacts/liaisons were also notified.
- A Draft Proposed TOR and cover letter was also sent to each of the coordinators for the Niagara River RAP, Lake Ontario Lakewide Management Plan (LaMP), and Lake Erie LaMP.
- NPCA issued a press release concerning the public meetings for the Draft Proposed TOR.
- The SPC Chair conducted a radio interview with CKTB Radio (610 AM station) on June 17, and a Cogeco Cable TV interview on June 20, concerning the release of the Draft Proposed TOR and public meetings.
- Public meetings were held as follows;
  - Monday, June 23, 2008, at Roselawn Centre, 296 Fielden Avenue, Port Colborne from 7:00 - 9:00pm
  - Wednesday, June 25, 2008, at Four Points Sheraton Hotel (Decew Room), 3539 Schmon Parkway, Thorold, from 2:00 – 5:00 pm
  - Thursday, June 26, 2008, at Casablanca Inn (Reflections Room), 4 Windward Drive, Grimsby from 7:00 9:00pm
- Presentations were provided at each public meeting generally describing the Clean Water Act, source protection program, TOR development process, MOE technical guidelines, and Early Actions program.
- Comments on the Draft Proposed TOR were received up to and including July 7, 2008.
- Comments were collected and reviewed, and recommendations for any revisions to the TOR were proposed to the SPC.
- The Proposed TOR was approved by the SPC on July 22, 2008.
- The Proposed TOR was submitted to the Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Authority (SPA) by August 7, 2008.



### Summary of Process to Develop the Proposed Assessment Report (AR) <u>Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Committee (SPC)</u>

The following is a summary of the process undertaken to develop the Proposed Assessment Report (AR) for the Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Area.

#### Development of the AR and the First Submission to MOE in July 2010:

- Source Protection (SP) staff gave an update presentation on the Draft Proposed Assessment Report (AR) to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) board in December 2009.
- The Source Protection Committee (SPC) Chair, along with SP staff from NPCA and Niagara Region, met with the public works and planning departments of all municipalities in the Source Protection Area in January and February 2010. The meetings included a PowerPoint presentation on the Draft Proposed AR and public consultation process.
- The Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Committee (SPC) approved the Draft Proposed AR on February 24, 2010.
- On March 6, 2010 the Draft Proposed AR was posted on the internet (at <a href="http://www.sourceprotection-niagara.ca/">http://www.sourceprotection-niagara.ca/</a>)
- On March 6, 2010 notices were published in four daily newspapers (Hamilton Spectator, St. Catharines Standard, Welland Tribune, and Niagara Falls Review). The notices requested public comments on the Draft Proposed AR and provided information on three public meetings. Additional notices were published in two weekly newspapers. Notices were also sent to the public libraries in the Source Protection Area for posting on notice boards.
- A 35-day commenting period commenced March 6, 2010, with the publishing of the notices in the daily newspapers and posting of the Draft Proposed AR on the internet. The commenting period ended on April 12, 2010.
- During the 35-day consultation period, approximately 1,000 notification letters were mailed out to landowners located in Intake Protection Zones (IPZs) where the vulnerability score was 8.0 or greater,.
- As required by the Clean Water Act (CWA), letters were also sent to all 15 municipalities located in the Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Area requesting their comments on the Draft Proposed AR.
- Notification letters of the Draft Proposed AR were also sent to the coordinators for the Niagara River RAP, Lake Ontario Lakewide Management Plan (LaMP), and Lake Erie LaMP.
- Three public meetings were held during the 35-day public consultation period as follows;
  - Monday, March 29, 2010, at Roselawn Centre, 296 Fielden Avenue, Port Colborne from 7:00 - 9:00pm
  - Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at Four Points Sheraton Hotel (Decew Room), 3539 Schmon Parkway, Thorold, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm
  - Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at Casablanca Inn, 4 Windward Drive, Grimsby from 7:00 - 9:00pm
- Presentations were provided at each public meeting generally describing the Clean Water Act, source protection program, and Assessment Report findings.
- Comments on the Draft Proposed AR were received until April 12, 2010.

- Comments were collected and reviewed, and several revisions were made to the AR based on the comments received.
- Several revisions to the AR were also made based on 'unofficial' comments provided by the Ministry of Environment (MOE).
- Highlights of the AR revisions are described on the website at: <u>http://www.sourceprotection-niagara.ca/spp\_ar.html</u>
- The Proposed AR was approved by the SPC on June 2, 2010.
- A copy of the Proposed AR was provided to the Niagara Peninsula SPA Chair on June 4, 2010.
- A 30-day commenting period for the Proposed AR commenced June 4, 2010, with the publishing of notices in the daily newspapers (see above) and posting of the Proposed AR on the internet. Notification letters were sent to the municipal clerks and emailed to the municipal source protection liaisons. The commenting period ended on July 5, 2010.
- The AR revisions included re-delineation of a number of IPZs for Decew, Niagara Falls and Port Colborne Water Treatment Plants (WTPs). Landowners who were impacted by these re-delineations were contacted by letter if their property was located in an IPZ with a vulnerability score of 8.0 or greater. Example letters are attached. One landowner requested a site meeting which was attended by the SPC Chair, SP Project Manager, and a Niagara Region representative.
- Comments on the Proposed AR were collected and summarized.
- The Proposed AR submission package was presented to the SPA at their meeting on July 21, 2010. The SPA approved the submission package.
- The Proposed AR was submitted to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) on July 23, 2010.

### Amendments to the AR and Second Submission to MOE in May 2011

- The Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) reviewed the proposed AR and in February 2011 provided the SPC with a number of comments and requested amendments.
- The AR was amended February and March 2011.
- A 30-day commenting period for the AR amendments commenced March 18, 2011 with the publishing of notices in the daily newspapers and posting of the proposed AR on the internet. Notification letters were sent to the municipal clerks. The commenting period ended on April 18, 2011.
- The proposed AR was presented to the SPA on May 18, 2011.
- The proposed AR and supporting documents were submitted to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) on May 19, 2011.

#### Approval of AR by MOE in 2011

- The MOE approved the AR in July 2011
- Notice of the AR approval by MOE was posted on the Environmental Registry January 12, 2012.

#### Updates to the AR in 2013

- Updates to the AR were completed between March and August 2013.
- The AR updates included:
  - Addition of local threats through event-based modelling and delineation of IPZ-3s;
  - Addition of locally adopted transportation corridor threats; and
  - Minor revisions to Chapter 3 and various figures, etc.

- On July 30, 2013 the SPC met to review and received the updated AR as amended and discussed. After the discussed changes were made the AR was endorsed by the SPC in August 2013.
- A 30-day commenting period for the updated AR (and the Source Protection Plan) was held from August 29 to September 27, 2013.
- Two open house information meetings were held were held on September 9, 2013 in Thorold.
- On September 18, 2013 the AR was presented to the SPA for comments.
- On October 8, 2013 the SPC approved the updated AR for submission to the SPA and MOE.
- On October 16, 2013 the SPA approved the submission of the updated AR to the MOE.

Submission of AR to MOE in 2013

• The updated AR and supporting documents were submitted to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) in late October 2013 (along with the Source Protection Plan and Explanatory Document).

#### Abbreviations

- AR Assessment Report
- MOE Ontario Ministry of the Environment
- SPA Source Protection Authority
- SPC Source Protection Committee
- SPP Source Protection Plan
- IPZ-3 Intake Protection Zone 3



### Summary of Process to Develop the Proposed Source Protection Plan <u>Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Committee (SPC)</u>

The following is a summary of the process undertaken to develop the Proposed Source Protection Plan (SPP) for the Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Area.

Commencement of Preparation of the SPP and Early Engagement of Key Stakeholders

- Letters notifying of SPP Preparation Commencement were sent in April/May 2011 to clerks of each municipality within the Source Protection Area, the Chair of the Niagara Escarpment Commission as well as those persons "who could be engaging in one or more activities that are or would be significant drinking water threats" according to the Assessment Report.
- Six (6) early engagement meetings were held with held between July and September 2011 with the affected DeCew Falls Intake Protection Zone 1 landowners, municipal staff (for Niagara Region and the Cities of Thorold, Port Colborne and Niagara Falls) and the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation.
- In August 2011, draft SPP policies were completed and endorsed by the Source Protection Committee (SPC).

#### Pre-Consultation

- Pre-consultation (O.Reg.287/07) correspondence was sent to the required implementing bodies in October 2011. The pre-consultation notifications are listed in detail in Section 3.2.2 of the SPP. To complement the pre-consultation notification letters, presentations were also made municipal councils (for the cities of Thorold, Port Colborne and Niagara Falls) and to Niagara Region's Integrated Community Planning (ICP) Committee during October and November 2011. Meetings were also held with the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation in December 2011. Section 3.1 of the Explanatory document explains how comments that were received by the SPC during pre-consultation affected policies.
- Source Protection Program Update letters were also sent to municipalities not impacted by the Source Protection Plan in November 2011.
- The Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Committee (SPC) approved the Draft Proposed SPP on February 21, 2012.

#### Draft Proposed SPP Public Consultation

- On March 1, 2012 the Draft Proposed SPP was posted on the internet (at <a href="http://www.sourceprotection-niagara.ca/">http://www.sourceprotection-niagara.ca/</a>).
- On March 2, 2012 notices were published in four daily newspapers (Hamilton Spectator, St. Catharines Standard, Welland Tribune, and Niagara Falls Review). The notices requested public comments on the Draft Proposed SPP and provided information on four public meetings.
- The posting of the Draft Proposed SPP and Explanatory Document on the internet and the posting of notices in the newspapers marked the start of the '35-day' public consultation period for the Draft Proposed SPP. The commenting period ended on April 10, 2012.
- Notices were also sent to the public libraries in the Source Protection Area for posting on notice boards and to local Chambers of Commerce in March 2012.

- As required by the Clean Water Act (CWA), letters were also sent to all 15 municipalities located in the Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Area requesting their comments on the Draft Proposed SPP in March 2012.
- Notification letters of the Draft Proposed SPP were also sent to the coordinators for the Niagara River RAP, Lake Ontario Lakewide Management Plan (LaMP), and Lake Erie LaMP, Niagara Escarpment Commission, and the Chair of the Hamilton-Halton SPC in March 2012.
- Four public meetings were held during the 35-day public consultation period as follows;
  - Monday, March 26, 2012, at MacBain Centre, 7150 Montrose Road, Niagara Falls from 7:00 - 9:00pm
  - Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at Four Points Sheraton Hotel (Decew Room), 3530 Schmon Parkway, Thorold, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm
  - Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at Roselawn Centre, 296 Fielden Avenue, Port Colborne from 7:00 - 9:00pm
  - Thursday, March 29, 2012, at Casablanca Winery Inn, 4 Windward Drive, Grimsby from 7:00 - 9:00pm
- Presentations were provided at each public meeting describing the Clean Water Act, source protection program, and the Draft Proposed SPP.
- Comments on the Draft Proposed SPP were received until April 10, 2012.
- The SPC reviewed all written comments received during the public consultation for the Draft Proposed SPP and made revisions as needed.
- The SPC approved the final version of the Proposed SPP on May 8, 2012.

Proposed SPP Public Consultation

- The Proposed SPP was submitted to the Source Protection Authority (SPA) on May 16, 2012.
- On May 18, 2012 the Proposed SPP was posted on the internet at: <u>http://www.sourceprotection-niagara.ca/</u>)
- A 30-day commenting period commenced May 18, 2012, with the posting of Proposed SPP on the internet. The commenting period ended on June 18, 2012.
- As required by the Clean Water Act (CWA), letters were sent to all 15 municipalities located in the Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Area requesting their comments on the Proposed SPP.
- Notification letters of the Proposed SPP were sent to persons or organisations identified in clause 41 (2) (c) of O. Reg. 287/07 who submitted comments during the 35-day public consultation on the Draft Proposed SPP.
- The SPA provided the SPC with a copy of all comments received during the public consultation for the Proposed SPP.

First Submission of the Proposed SPP to the Minister of the Environment (July 2012)

• The Proposed SPP and Explanatory Document were submitted to the Minister of the Environment on July 25, 2012 along with the required supporting documents. (As required by MOE, the supporting documents included comments received on the Proposed SPP during the 30-day public consultation, and any unresolved concerns raised by the municipalities).

Amendments and Updates to the Source Protection Plan in 2013

- The Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) formally reviewed the SPP and in February 2013 provided the SPC with a number of comments and requested amendments.
- The MOE suggested that the amendments be rolled up together with updates to the SPP that were planned for 2013. The SPP updates included policies to address locally adopted threats including transportation (corridor) threats, and threats

identified through event-based modelling and IPZ-3 delineations that were added to the Assessment Report in 2013.

- Between February and August 2013 the SPP was amended and updated.
- Implementing bodies and key stakeholders that could be affected by the new or amended policies were contacted for pre-consultation during July-August 2013.
- The SPC reviewed and received the updated SPP (as amended and discussed) on July 30, 2013. Final changes were endorsed by the SPC in August 2013.
- The updated SPP was then posted on the internet for a 30-day public consultation period from August 29 to September 27, 2013 to obtain comments on the changes.
- On September 18, 2013, the SPP was also presented to the SPA for comments.
- The SPC reviewed all comments received during the 2013 public consultation and approved the revised SPP after making a few minor changes.
- The revised SPP and Explanatory Document were then submitted to the SPA. On October 16, 2013, the SPA approved the submission of the AR and SPP package to MOE.

Second Submission of the Revised SPP to the Ministry of the Environment (Oct 2013)

 The revised SPP and Explanatory Document were submitted to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment in late October 2013 along with the required supporting documents.