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Dear Mr. Neufeld and Mr. Timms:

I am writing to you, further to the approval of the Niagara Peninsula source protection plan. You will recall that when the previous Minister, the Honourable Jim Bradley, approved the plan on December 12, 2013, there was no decision on the timing for the future review of the plan. Staff have since consulted with the Niagara Peninsula source protection authority and the source protection committee on the preferred approach for future plan review, and I am issuing you an updated Section 36 Order, consistent with those I have issued for other approved plans in the province, containing details regarding this approach.

Pursuant to clauses 36 (1) (c) and (d), and as an initial step in the development of detailed requirements to govern the plan's review, the Niagara Peninsula source protection authority shall prepare and submit a workplan to the ministry. The workplan shall propose the detailed steps for the review of the plan, including which portions of the plan are to be reviewed, the timeframes for each step of the review, the consultation that would be undertaken as part of the review, and rationale for each step. A summary of how the workplan was developed shall also be included. The workplan shall be developed in consultation with the Niagara Peninsula source protection committee, participating municipalities of the source protection area, and the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.

The development of the workplan must take into consideration any experience that has been gained from implementing the source protection plan and information from the first annual progress report on plan implementation (due May 2017). Accordingly, the workplan shall be submitted to the ministry no later than November 30, 2017.

Once the workplan is submitted and reviewed by the ministry, and following any further consultation that the ministry considers advisable, a further order can be issued under section 36 that specifies more detailed requirements outlining the content and timeframes that will govern the review of the Niagara Peninsula source protection plan.

Staff have informed me of the actions that have been taken by those responsible for the policies within the Niagara Peninsula, and your community is to be commended on the manner in which implementation is proceeding. Significant progress has been made in source protection and the Province looks forward to continuing to work with you and all stakeholders to protect drinking water.

Once again, thank you for your commitment to protect Ontario's source waters, and please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,



Glen Murray
Minister

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