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Greetings,

I am pleased to announce that the Ministry of the Environment has now finalized the regulation in support of the development and implementation of source protection plans under the *Clean Water Act, 2006*. The goal of the Act is to protect existing and future sources of drinking water, as part of an overall commitment to human health and the environment. The development of regulations to enable local source protection committees to complete their respective source protection plans is required by the Act.

The requirements for source protection plans are set out as amendments to the General Regulation (O. Reg. 287/07) under the Act, and will come into effect July 1, 2010. These amendments follow a public consultation process that included a policy discussion paper posted on the Environmental Bill of Rights' Environmental Registry (EBR) website in June 2009, and a draft regulation posted on the EBR in January 2010. All comments provided in writing and at multi-stakeholder discussion sessions and focus groups were taken into consideration and were helpful in finalizing the regulatory amendments.

We wish to thank all those who took the time to provide their input on the proposals. I believe that the contribution of our partners will strengthen the protection of drinking water sources in Ontario and result in a source protection framework that is beneficial to everyone living in source protection areas.

Informational fact sheets will be forwarded to you following this notification. The fact sheets will also be posted on the ministry's website [www.ontario.ca/cleanwater](http://www.ontario.ca/cleanwater). The regulation itself is currently posted under 'Source Law' on the [e-Laws website](#). The consolidated version of O. Reg. 287/07 will

be posted on e-Laws in the near future. We look forward working with you and source protection committees, municipalities, and other stakeholders as we continue to implement the Clean Water Act and the recent amendments.

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Scanlon, Senior Drinking Water Program Advisor, at (416) 212-8839 or [Debbie.Scanlon@ontario.ca](mailto:Debbie.Scanlon@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

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