



Summary of Questions and Comments from Municipal Implementation Workshops  
September 25<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> 2015

**Q - How long does it usually take to process a Sec. 59 land use restriction application?**

A - It takes about 1 hour per application to process Section 59 applications and issue notice.

**Q- If you delegate your authority for Risk Management to another agency/municipality/SPA, is there the ability to take back this responsibility in the future?**

A – A date should be established in the contract/agreement when delegating your authority so that you can review how the arrangement has been working and make any necessary amendments as required.

**Q – Is there funding available for decommissioning private wells.**

A – Stewardship grants were available from 2008-2013 for this type of work. There aren't any funds available at this time or anticipated in the future, however municipalities are welcomed to establish their own stewardship programs to encourage this type of activity.

**Q – Property Entry training – does this allow you to enter buildings on property, like dwellings? What is meant by this?**

A – A person with Sec. 88 training may not enter a dwelling without the consent of the occupier unless under authority of a warrant

Section 88 provides that the powers of entry onto property are as follows:

- May enter property, without the consent of the owner or occupier and without a warrant for the purposes of:
  - Collecting information for the preparation of an assessment report or source protection plan
  - Collecting information for the preparation of an interim or annual progress report
  - Conducting a monitoring program for the implementation of a policy in a source protection plan

While section 88 persons have the authority to directly enter onto property, under section 62 (6), reasonable notice of the entry must be given to the occupier of the property. A key component of the training program is to encourage persons entering property to do so in a collegial manner with the knowledge and accompaniment of the property owner.

Section 88 persons are also subject to Section 89 of the Act. They must notify the Ministry, in accordance with Section 89 of the Act (notice of drinking-water health hazard – call MOECC Spills Action Centre), if the person becomes aware that a substance is being discharged or about to be discharged into a raw water supply of a drinking water system required to be in the assessment report or source protection plan, and the person is of the opinion that an imminent drinking-water health hazard exists.

Effective July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, the Property Entry course will be offered online. As a reminder, any person wishing to qualify as a Risk Management Official/Inspector must complete the online course and exam (with a passing grade of 75%) before they may enter property in this role.

The new Property Entry course will be offered through the Source Protection Programs Branch's (SPPB) learning management site.

To register, please email our training Coordinator Sam Attias at [sandra.attias@ontario.ca](mailto:sandra.attias@ontario.ca) or call 416-314-8587 to obtain the necessary login information and support to complete the Property Entry online course.

**Q – For collection of information for annual reporting purposes, it was stated that the Source Protection Authority may require more information to be collected than the Province – WHY?**

A – More details will be useful when reviewing the data in the future and ensuring that the threats are being mitigated. For example if you collect UTM – latitude and longitude data for activities you can ensure that threats are being mitigated in an area because that information can be mapped in relation to the vulnerable area zones. Also if the Province decides at a later date that they want more information, then you may have already collected it and it will be easier to fulfill the request. Keeping your notes from property visits may also be useful in future to clarify details.

**Q – Is the RMO/RMI position full or part time position?**

A – It depends on the number of threats, number of properties and the complexities of the Risk Management Plans that will need to be negotiated. Initially it may be full time but once the initial threats verification work is complete and the first round of Sec. 59 applications are processed it could become a job with cyclical processes and busy periods (permit season). Re-inspections of septic systems every 5 years will be part of the cyclical nature of the position.

**Q – Are all the presentations on the flash drives?**

A - Yes