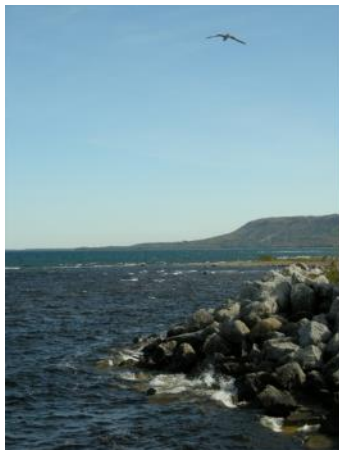


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7.0 Source Protection Plan Implementation

7.1 General Responsibilities

The *Clean Water Act* specifies the responsibilities of implementing bodies and persons engaged in activities that are subject to Source Protection Plan policies. The following sections provide a generalized overview of these responsibilities. Reference may be made to the *Clean Water Act* and Ontario Regulation 287/07 (General) for specific information. The Source Protection Plan identifies municipalities, provincial ministries and the Saugeen Valley and Grey Sauble Conservation Authorities as the main implementing bodies of the Plan. The policies that have been assigned to each implementing body are listed in Table 7.1.1.

Municipalities are responsible for:

- Enforcing Part IV of the Clean Water Act, or delegating the enforcement to another authority
- Using municipal planning tools to prohibit and/or manage drinking water threats that could emerge in the future
- Updating existing municipal operations and programs
- Reporting on the implementation of Source Protection Plan policies to the Saugeen Valley, Grey Sauble and Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Authorities

Provincial ministries are responsible for:

- using prescribed instruments to manage existing threats by updating, amending or revoking provincial approvals (e.g. nutrient management strategies);
- using prescribed instruments to prohibit and/or manage drinking water threats that could emerge in the future;
- updating existing provincial programs;
- collaborating on research studies, education and outreach programs, and incentive programs; and
- reporting on the implementation of Source Protection Plan policies to the Saugeen Valley, Grey Sauble and Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Authorities.

The Conservation Authorities are responsible for:

- coordinating an education program;
- collaborating with other agencies for pilot projects and certain other initiatives;
- assisting municipalities with their implementation tasks (upon request); and
- reporting on the implementation of Source Protection Plan policies to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.

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Persons carrying out or proposing to commence significant threat activities are responsible for:

- conforming to policies that use Part IV powers under the *Clean Water Act* and any other provisions that the Source Protection Plan policies may affect through other means, such as municipal by-laws or official plans.

Table 7.1.1 Source Protection Plan Policies Assigned to Implementing Bodies

Agency/Municipality	Policies to be Implemented
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)	04-04, 06-02, 07-02, 21-04, G-05, G-010, G-11, G-12, G-14, TP-10, MP-06, MP-07, MP-08
Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC)	01-03, 01-04, 01-05, 02-02, 02-03, 02-07, 02-08, 10-01, 19-01, 19-02, G-05, G-10, G-10, G-11, G-12, G-14, TP-05, TP-06, TP-08, TP-09, TP-10, MP-01, MP-02, MP-03, MP-04, MP-05, MP-06, MP-30, MP-31, MP-32
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests (MNRF)	G-14
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	G-07, MP-10
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)	02-06, G-10, TP-07, MP-09
Municipalities	01-06, 01-07, 02-01, 02-04, 02-05, 02-09, 02-10, 02-11, 02-12, 02-13, 02-14, 16-03, 17-03, 19-03, 19-04, G-01, G-02, G-03, G-04, G-07, G-08, G-09, G-10, G-13, TP-01, TP-02, TP-03, TP-04, TP-09, MP-11, MP-12, MP-13, MP-14, MP-15, MP-16, MP-17, MP-18, MP-19, MP-20, MP-21, MP-22, MP-26
RMO	01-01, 01-02, 03-01, 03-02, 04-01, 04-02, 04-03, 06-01, 07-01, 08-01, 08-02, 09-01, 10-02, 11-01, 11-02, 12-01, 13-01, 14-01, 14-02, 15-01, 15-02, 15-03, 15-04, 15-05, 16-01, 16-02, 17-01, 17-02, 18-01, 21-01, 21-02, 21-03, G-01, G-02, G-03, G-10, MP-23, MP-24, MP-25
Conservation Authorities	G-06, G-10, TP-09, TP-11, MP-27, MP-28
Municipality of Brockton	MP-29

*The NEC is the planning authority in *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act* (NEPDA) areas

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7.2 Timeline for Implementation

The Source Protection Committee has the ability to specify when a given Source Protection Plan policy will take effect. In setting dates, there was a need to balance the urgency of addressing significant drinking water threats versus the capacity of the implementing body to act (i.e. staffing, funding, other requirements) and a reasonable timeframe for a landowner to take the necessary steps.

For existing activities, a specific timeframe is often stated in the policy text. Where a timeframe is not given, the default as specified in the *Clean Water Act* regulations would prevail. For future activities, a specific timeframe is usually not provided in the policy text. Policies related to future activities generally take effect on the effective date of the Source Protection Plan. The effective date will be specified by the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change in the approval of the Source Protection Plan.

7.3 Annual Reporting to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change

Under subsection 46(1) of the *Clean Water Act*, the Saugeen Valley, Grey Sauble and Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Authorities are required to prepare and submit a progress report annually to the Director of the Source Protection Programs Branch of the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change, and to the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee. The annual report must:

- describe the measures that have been taken to implement the Source Protection Plan, particularly relating to activities that are or would be significant drinking water threats;
- describe the result of any monitoring program;
- describe the extent to which the objectives set out in the Source Protection Plan are being achieved; and
- include other information such as:
 - i. a description of any failure by a person or body to take action in accordance with a policy by a specified date, and the reason for the failure,
 - ii. a description of any steps taken to address any deficiencies in the information that was used in the development of the Assessment Report set out in the Source Protection Plan, and
 - iii. a summary of the report prepared and submitted by the risk management official(s).

Ontario Regulation 287/07 specifies that this report must be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change by May 1st of each year.

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