

What is a Risk Management Plan?

Risk management plans manage activities that could pose a threat to drinking water. They are undertaken on specific properties and outline what actions are required to control significant threats to our drinking water. Risk management plans, under Section 58 of the *Clean Water Act, 2006*, are required as per the Trent Source Protection Plan www.trentsourceprotection.on.ca. They are site specific documents negotiated by an accredited Risk Management Official and the person engaged in the activity. They allow certain activities that are identified as significant threats to continue on a specific parcel of land, provided that appropriate measures in the risk management plan are followed. Risk management plans include and account for any best management practices that may already be in place. If there is more than one significant threat activity occurring at a certain location, the plan will be more complex.

What is a Risk Management Official?

Risk Management Officials are specially trained individuals who enforce policies in the Source Protection Plan on behalf of the municipality.

The Risk Management Official is also an important part of the development application review process in vulnerable areas. A notice from a Risk Management Official will be required for a complete planning application in a vulnerable area.

The Risk Management Official will contact you if you require a risk management plan, or you may be referred to them by your municipality if you are planning a future activity that may require a risk management plan.

Risk Management Officials will negotiate the conditions of the plan with the person engaged in the activity. The intent is that risk management plans be voluntarily negotiated wherever possible. This means there is opportunity for discussion, flexibility, and agreement as to how a significant drinking water threat is managed on a property in order to reduce the potential impact on drinking water sources.

Types of threats to our drinking water sources:

Waste Disposal Sites

On-site Sewage Systems (septic systems)

Sewage Works (sewage treatment plants, municipal sewers)

Fuel Oil (residential heating oil)

Liquid Fuel

Nutrients (manure, bio solids, outdoor livestock areas)

Commercial Fertilizer

Pesticides

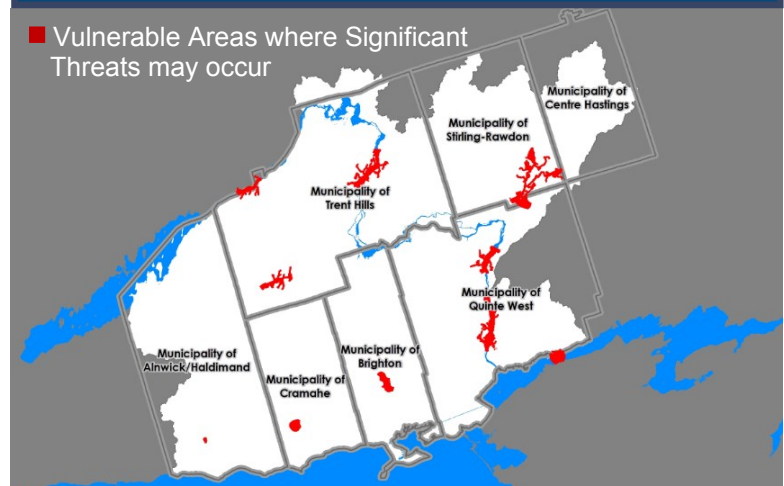
Road Salt and Snow Storage

Chemicals (DNAPLs (toxic chemicals) and Organic Solvents)

Aquaculture

Aircraft De-icing Runoff

Lower Trent Source Protection Area



Enforcement of a Risk Management Plan

If a Risk Management Official has reasonable grounds to believe that a person is failing to implement their risk management plan, then the Risk Management Official may issue an Order requiring the person to do any one or more of the following: comply with the risk management plan by a specific date; seek an amendment to the risk management plan; or submit a report on compliance.

What if no plan is agreed to?

The Risk Management Official may give a person notice that if no risk management plan is agreed to by the date specified, the Risk Management Official may establish a risk management plan for the activity. A person receiving the notice may waive the notice period and consent in writing to the establishment of the risk management plan before the deadline specified in the notice. Without an established risk management plan, the activity may be prohibited as it poses a significant threat to drinking water.

Is there an appeal process?

Yes, a hearing before the Environment Review Tribunal may be requested by serving written notice within 60 days after the Notice of Intent to Establish a Risk Management Plan is served by the Risk Management Official. A person requesting a hearing must state in their notice the grounds on which the person intends to rely on at the hearing. For more details see Section 70 to 77 of the *Clean Water Act*.

What is a risk assessment and how does it work?

Under Section 60 of the Clean Water act, a person may undertake a risk assessment of the activity and its impact to drinking water. The risk assessment must be undertaken by a person of qualifications and satisfy certain requirements.

In this process, science is examined to determine if a specific location is vulnerable to the activity in question.

Who are the Risk Management Officials for your Area?

Lower Trent Conservation provides risk management services for the municipalities with drinking water systems in the Lower Trent Region. The Risk Management Officials from Lower Trent Conservation are fully certified and carry provincial identification.



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