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Mayor Fred Eisenberger
City of Hamilton
1st Floor, 71 Main Street West
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Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Subject: Proposed Source Protection Committee - Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Area

As you are aware, the Clean Water Act (CWA), which passed third reading in October 2006 is intended to protect municipal drinking water sources in Ontario. Under the legislation, the source protection plan is to be science-based and developed locally through a Source Protection Committee (SPC).

We anticipate the CWA and the first set of complimentary regulations will be proclaimed in the next several weeks and will become enforceable legislation at that time. Under the proposed regulations:

- The formation of the SPC will be the responsibility of the Source Protection Authority (which is the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority)
- The Niagara Peninsula SPC will consist of nine (9) members plus a committee chair
- The 3 Tier 1 municipalities (Haldimand County, Niagara Region, and City of Hamilton) will be expected to self-select a total of 3 members to sit on the Niagara Peninsula SPC

Since there are 3 Tier 1 municipalities and 3 municipal representatives to be appointed to the Niagara Source Protection Committee, our Board of Directors is recommending that each Tier 1 municipality select 1 SPC member. The time schedule for forming the SPC is, as we understand, quite restrictive and the municipal SPC members are expected to be appointed by early August. The Conservation Authority’s proposed municipal appointment approach would help provide an efficient and effective start to the overall committee selection process.

Your comments on the acceptability of the Conservation Authority’s proposed approach for the municipal appointments to the SPC would be much appreciated. I’d be happy to meet with you or senior staff to provide any further information that may be required.

Sincerely,

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General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

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Ms. Lorrie Minshull, Source Protection Program Director, GRCA
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