



Media Release

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Drinking Water Open Houses Start Next Week

New policies are being developed to keep contaminants out of rivers and groundwater when they are a source of municipal drinking water. Such preventative measures will make municipal drinking water even safer. Attend our open houses to help shape these policies and learn about new funding that is available for property owners to proactively address activities on their property that could be subject to future policy requirements.

Open House Details

Open houses run from 4 pm to 8 pm with a presentation at 6 pm.

- November 14 – Richmond Fairgrounds (6107 Perth Street)
- November 16 – Almonte Old Town Hall (14 Bridge Street)
- November 21 – Carp Fairgrounds (3790 Carp Road)
- November 22 – Merrickville Community Centre (106 Read Street)
- November 24 – Perth Legion (26 Beckwith Street)

Where Policies and Funding Would Apply

There are 11 locations in the Mississippi-Rideau region where rivers or groundwater are a source of municipal drinking water – these are the areas where policies will apply and funding is available:

- Almonte
- Carleton Place
- Carp
- Kemptville
- Merrickville
- Munster
- Perth
- Richmond
- Smiths Falls
- Urban Ottawa
- Westport

What Policies and Funding Could Address

The activities below could be subject to policies in the 11 areas listed above. These activities involve the storage or application of a chemical or pathogen which makes them a potential source of contamination. Funding is also available to address these activities when they are occurring near municipal drinking water sources.

- Waste disposal sites
- Municipal sewage works
- Septic systems
- Pesticides
- Commercial fertilizer
- Nutrients (manure, biosolids, livestock)
- Heating oil (furnace tanks)
- Liquid fuel (gas stations, yard tanks)
- Road salt and snow storage
- Chemicals (DNAPLs and organic solvents)

Comment and Application Deadlines

- Deadline to provide policy comments is December 2, 2011.
- Deadline to apply for funding is December 1, 2012 (but funding is limited so call now!).

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