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**NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY APPLAUDS THE PASSAGE OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT**

Sudbury... The Nickel District Conservation Authority (NDCA) applauds the passage of Bill 43, the *Clean Water Act*, by the Ontario legislature and looks forward to its imminent proclamation into law.

“The *Clean Water Act* is integral to ensuring our municipal sources of drinking water are free from contamination,” said Ron Bradley, Chair of Nickel District Conservation Authority. “The NDCA together with other local sectors such as the municipality, landowners and stakeholders will work together to protect our sources of drinking water for future generations.”

The *Clean Water Act* was developed by the Ministry of the Environment and is part of the government’s commitment to address 12 of Justice Dennis O’Connor’s recommendations made during the Walkerton inquiry. Since March 2005, Nickel District Conservation Authority has been working with the municipality and local stakeholders in carrying out technical activities and creating awareness among the community on source water protection efforts.

“We have been very busy conducting technical studies, gathering data, working on the Watershed Assessment Report and getting the word out on source water protection,” said Judy Sewell, Source Water Protection Co-ordinator for Nickel District Conservation Authority. “We look forward to forging ahead under the new *Clean Water Act*.”

Under the *Clean Water Act*, the entire community will have the opportunity to be involved in identifying potential sources of contamination, and creating and carrying out a plan to reduce or eliminate threats to local sources of municipal drinking water. Broad consultation will be used to develop a locally based and locally owned plan.

The Nickel District Conservation Authority is a community based environmental organization that promotes and co-ordinates source water protection, safeguards local ecosystems via flood plain management and provides environmental education programs. The NDCA is a member of Conservation Ontario, which represents Ontario’s 36 Conservation Authorities.

A message brought to you by the Nickel District Conservation Authority Source Water Protection Team.

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For more information on source water protection visit [www.nickeldistrict.ca](http://www.nickeldistrict.ca)

For more information on the *Clean Water Act* visit the Ministry of the Environment website [www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/water/cwa.htm](http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/water/cwa.htm).

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