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DRAFT PROPOSED ASSESSMENT REPORT RELEASED

The Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee has released the Draft Proposed Assessment for the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Area and invites the public to review and comment on the report.

The Assessment Report is a science-based technical document that describes the local watershed and available water supply, identifies vulnerable areas where municipal drinking water sources might face a risk of contamination or depletion, and assesses threats to municipal drinking water within those vulnerable areas. The Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee will use the information contained in the Assessment Report to draft a Source Protection Plan for Greater Sudbury. Assessment Reports are required under the Ontario *Clean Water Act* for each of 19 source protection regions within the province.

“The Assessment Report is our second step toward creating a Source Protection Plan for Greater Sudbury,” said Nels Conroy, Chair of the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Committee. “By inviting comments and perspectives from residents, we are ensuring we will have a plan in place that addresses local concerns and is tailor-made to protect Greater Sudbury’s municipal drinking water supply.”

The report is available online at www.sourcewatersudbury.ca Hardcopies of the report can be reviewed at the Nickel District Conservation Authority (NDCA) office during regular business hours, and the following branches of the Greater Sudbury Public Library: Capreol, Dowling, Garson, Lively and Valley East.

Three public meetings will be held in April to provide the public with an opportunity to learn more about the report and submit comments. Meeting dates and locations are: Tuesday, April 6, at the Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, 50 Brady Street, Sudbury from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with presentations at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., and Thursday, April 8, at the Howard Armstrong Recreation Centre, 4040 Elmview Drive, Hanmer from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with a presentation at 7:00 p.m.

The public is invited to submit written comments on the report by April 20, 2010 to:

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