

The Source Protection Plans for the Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Valley Source Protection Areas were first approved by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) on January 19, 2015, with effective date of April 1st, 2015.

NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS

Last Updated: March 26, 2024

2024: Section 36 Amendment, Effective March 26, 2024

Updates to the Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Valley Source Protection Plans and associated Assessment Reports were prepared in accordance with Section 36 of the Ontario *Clean Water Act, 2006*. The Province approved the amendments in March 2024. Please read the posting on Environmental Registry of Ontario at <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-8314>

The update was prepared using the 2021 Technical Rules ('Rules') and Tables of Drinking Water Threats. Policies were revised to align with the new Rules.

Key changes:

- The Plan is restructured to remove triplicate policies based on land use. Threat background plus table of policies were added for each threat category.
- Addition of Threat # 22: Hydrocarbon Pipelines; new policy C.10.4
- Revised Fuel policies, to align with the 2021 Rules
- Revisions to Sewage and Waste policies, to align with 2021 Rules and remove unnecessary 'Part IV' RMP (Risk Management Plan) and Prohibition policies
- Revised policies for DNAPLs (Dense Non-Aqueous Phase Liquids), per section 36 order
- New policies for Salt Application and Salt Storage, to address changes to the 2021 Rules

- Revised Snow Storage policies, to address the 2021 Rules
- Minor revisions to Agricultural Source Material (ASM); Non-Agricultural Source Material (NASM); Grazing policies, for clarity
- New prescribed instrument policy for ASM / NASM (AC.9.10)
- Revisions to Administrative policies related to effective date
- New Education & Outreach Policy, O.11.7, for ongoing outreach
- Amended Schedules (maps):
 - Significant Groundwater Recharge Area (SGRA) (vulnerability scores removed)
 - Auburn: Well Head Protection Area (WHPA) shift
 - Belgrave: revised WHPA for well replacement
 - Palmerston WHPA: minor change to WHPA-A to include Well # 4
 - Wingham: revised transport pathway

2023: Section 51 Amendment

The following changes were made to the Ausable Bayfield Source Protection Plan (SPP) pursuant to Section 51 of Ontario Regulation 287/07 of the *Clean Water Act, 2006*.

	Remove Zurich water supply systems as these wells have been decommissioned
Schedules	Delete AB-BW-2 – map of Zurich WHPA

2019: Section 34 Amendment, Effective February 5, 2019

Section 34 of the Ontario *Clean Water Act, 2006* allows the source protection authorities to update the source protection plan when new information is available. The following changes were made to the Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Valley Source Protection Plans pursuant to Section 34 of the *Clean Water Act* and Ontario Regulation 287/07. The amendments were approved by the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) on January 31, 2019.

These amendments include new technical work and maps to incorporate both new and revised wellhead protection areas (WHPA) for Benmiller, Blyth, Dungannon, Molesworth, Ripley, and Varna. Two policies are also revised.

	Summary of Amendments to Source Protection Plans
1	Adjustment of the Benmiller Wellhead Protection Area as a result of a replacement well near the existing well building.
2	Revision to the Blyth Wellhead Protection Area to include new well #5 in the Municipality of North Huron.
3	Revision of the Dungannon Wellhead Protection Area to reflect decommissioning of well # 1 in 2017

4	Adjustment of the Molesworth Wellhead Protection Area as a result of a replacement well that was drilled next to the existing well building.
5	Addition of the Ripley municipal drinking water system, in the Township of Huron-Kinloss. Ripley is located in the Saugeen Source Protection Area (SPA), outside the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley (ABMV) source protection region. Due to recent changes to the drinking water system and subsequent re-delineation of the WHPA, the Ripley WHPA now extends into the Maitland Valley Source Protection Area.
6	Addition of the Varna municipal drinking water system to the Ausable Bayfield Source Protection Plan. This former community well system was assumed by the Municipality of Bluewater in 2017.
7	Policy P.12.1 – Restricted Land Use: This policy was revised to allow Risk Management Officials to provide written direction to municipal staff about the types of applications that could be excluded from <i>Clean Water Act</i> (CWA), Part IV Section 59 screening, allowing more flexibility in the type of applications that require review by Risk Management Officials.
8	Policy P.12.2 – Effective Date for Section 58 Risk Management Plan Policies: This policy was revised to extend the timeline for risk management plan completion from three years to five years.

Amendments to Associated Documents:

1. Explanatory Document:
The Explanatory Document was updated to reflect the revisions to Policies P.12.1 and P.12.2 above.
2. Ausable Bayfield Assessment Report (AR):
 - Chapter 4: add Varna water supply system; delete Carriage Lane and Harbour Lights systems, they were decommissioned under Section 51 amendment of the SPP in 2016
 - Chapter 8: Update Table 8.1: Enumeration of Potential Significant Threats
 - Add maps for Varna well system and revise Municipal and regional maps to include Varna and to remove Carriage Lane and Harbour Lights systems
 - Other minor edits
3. Maitland Valley Assessment Report (AR):
 - Chapter 4: add Ripley water supply system; update water supply system information related to Benmiller, Blyth, Dungannon and Molesworth
 - Chapter 8: Update Table 8.1: Enumeration of Potential Significant Threats
 - Add maps for Ripley well system and revise maps for Benmiller, Blyth, Dungannon and Molesworth to reflect changes to these systems
 - Other minor edits

The following changes were made to the Ausable Bayfield Source Protection Plan (SPP) pursuant to Section 51 of Ontario Regulation 287/07 of the *Clean Water Act*. These minor amendments were approved by Ontario's environment ministry (formerly MOECC) in April 2016.

	Remove Carriage Lane and Harbour Lights water supply systems as these wells have been decommissioned
Section 2.2	Delete Carriage Lane and Harbour Lights from list of Wellhead Protection Areas and add note that these wells have been removed from the SPP
Schedules	Delete AB-BW-1 – map of Carriage Lane
	Delete AB-BW-2 – map of Harbour Lights

The following changes were made to the Maitland Valley Source Protection Plan (SPP) pursuant to Section 51 of Ontario Regulation 287/07 of the *Clean Water Act*.

Section 2.2	Delete Carriage Lane and Harbour Lights from list of Wellhead Protection Areas and add note that these wells have been removed from the SPP
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