

Table 1: Minor Amendments for the Ontario Waterpower Association’s Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects

Item	Subject	Reference	Proposed Amendment	Rationale	Proposed New/Revised Language	Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change Response
1	Roles and Responsibilities With Respect to the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects Process	New Section 1.6	Ontario Waterpower Association proposed: Insert content of 2014 Fact Sheet: “MOECC/ MNRF/ Ontario Waterpower Association Roles and Responsibilities With Respect to the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects Process”	Incorporates approved guidance to provide additional up-front clarity	Refer to approved Fact Sheet	<p>Approved with changes - the ministry supports adding clarity with regards to roles and responsibilities, but notes that there is some overlap between the Fact Sheet content and other sections of the Class Environmental Assessment. As such, the ministry approves including the following reference to the Fact Sheet in Appendix C of the Class Environmental Assessment, rather than incorporating the proposed language into Class Environmental Assessment:</p> <p>Roles and Responsibilities With Respect to the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects Process, August 2014 - Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change / Ontario Waterpower Association / Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry</p>
2	Lakes and Rivers	Section 5.3.1	Ontario Waterpower Association proposed: Incorporate language from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry’s 2015 Technical Bulletin: Location Approval for Dams	Establishes linkage with approved Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry guidance of relevance to environmental assessment	In most cases, construction of a new dam will be subject to requirements established under the Environmental Assessment Act (EAA).Where an EA is required, applicants must provide MNRF with a copy of the documentation prepared during the course of satisfying requirements under the EAA such as, but not necessarily limited to: the Final Environmental Report (ER); the Statement of Completion; any other supporting material deemed pertinent to the project; and any modifications to the project made after the Statement of Completion (addendum Provisions). Additional details, including how any EAA Part II Order requests were addressed should also be disclosed. “ Documentation	<p>Approved with changes – the Ministry of Natural Resources proposed some edits to the proposed language to align with the Location Approval for Dams Technical Bulletin.</p> <p>Approved language as follows:</p> <p>In most cases, construction of a new dam will be subject to requirements established under the Environmental Assessment Act (EAA). Where an EA is required, applicants must provide MNRF with a copy of the documentation prepared during the course of satisfying requirements under the EAA such as, but not necessarily limited to: the Final Environmental Report (ER); the Statement of Completion; any other supporting material deemed pertinent to</p>

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					<p>prepared during the EA will be the Ministry's primary tool for identifying the range of potential effects associated with construction of the dam and determining whether additional changes or conditions are required for approval to construct a new dam at the proposed location. Where an EA is not required, MNRF will identify in writing any additional information required to complete the review for location approval." For additional information, refer to MNRF's Technical Bulletin: Location Approval for Dams, 2015</p>	<p>the project; and any modifications to the project made after the Statement of Completion (addendum Provisions). Additional details, including how any EAA Part II Order requests were addressed should also be disclosed. "Documentation prepared during the EA will be the Ministry's primary tool for identifying the range of potential effects associated with construction and operation of the dam and determining whether additional changes or conditions are required for approval to construct a new dam at the proposed location. Where an EA is not required, MNRF will identify in writing any additional information required by the Ministry to complete its review for location approval." For additional information, refer to MNRF's Technical Bulletin: Location Approval for Dams, 2015</p>
6	Resource Material	Appendix C	Ontario Waterpower Association proposed: Add Community Engagement Toolkit for Waterpower Developers	New Ontario Waterpower Association publication created from municipal engagement sessions in 2016	Consultation: Community Engagement Toolkit for Waterpower Developers, Planning Solutions Inc., 2016	Approved without changes
7	Project documentation	4.4.3 Notice of Completion	Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change proposed: Add requirement for project proponents to submit environmental reports to Ontario Waterpower	Provides further transparency and accessibility of project information by interested parties	<p>Proposed new language is marked in bold:</p> <p>4.4.3 Notice of Completion For Projects under Section 3.1.1 and Projects over 500 kW in Nameplate Capacity and for Projects Associated with Existing Infrastructure, the Notice of Completion will be directly sent to all Aboriginal communities, agencies and other parties who expressed interest when the Notice of Project or</p>	Approved without changes

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			Association for posting on its website.		Notice of Commencement was issued and to those who participated in the consultation process. For all other categories of projects, the Notice of Completion will also be sent to the distribution list created for the Notice of Commencement. For all categories of projects, an electronic copy of the ER will be submitted to the OWA for posting on its website. Note that the deadline for comments and/or requesting a Part II Order is 30 days unless otherwise extended by the proponent.	
8	Lakes and Rivers	5.3.1 Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act (MNRF) And Appendix C	Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry proposed: Update reference to guidance that is now outdated.	Corrects reference that is outdated	Section 5.3.1: The requirements for approvals under the LRIA are summarized in Table 4 and are described in detail in the Guidelines and Criteria for Approvals under the <i>LRIA Administrative Guide and LRIA Technical Bulletins</i> (see Appendix C). Appendix C: Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act Technical Guidelines <i>Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act Administrative Guide and Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act Technical Bulletins</i> – Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry	Approved without changes