









Overview of MOECC Program Review

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MOECC policy and program revision

- Three components
 - Technical framework
 - Policy framework
 - General program framework









MOECC policy and program revision

- Technical framework had two phases
 - Phase 1: felt to be simpler issues
 - proposed and posted on Environmental Registry for comment
 - Discussed at last SPC meeting
 - Added flexibility for vulnerability scoring in IPZ
 - Changes to the fuel storage table of circumstances
 - Decision notice posted on Environmental Registry









MOECC policy and program revision

- Technical framework had two phases
 - Phase 2: felt to be more complicated issues / requiring Regulation change
 - Currently underway









1. Technical framework

- Clarification / revision to circumstances considered:
 - Quantity thresholds for DNAPLs
 - New category for industrial chemicals (DNAPLs, LNAPLs, solvents)











1. Technical framework

- Clarification / revision to circumstances considered:
 - Separate circumstances for LID stormwater management
 - Change road salt circumstances

Pesticide quantity circumstances based on fixed land

application rates











1. Technical framework

- New threats considered
 - Transportation activities
- Possible exemption for rare threats
 - Aircraft deicing chemicals









2. Policy framework

- Consider amending s.61 to limit RMP exemptions to only those Nutrient Management Act instruments approved by OMAFRA
- Consider inclusion of legally-binding transport pathway policies









2. Policy framework

- Considering standardizing PI policies, to ensure consistency across province
- Considering standardizing monitoring policies
- Considering removal of non-legally binding policies directed at Province









3. General program framework

 Potential regulation under Safe Drinking Water Act to require consideration of SPP impacts on neighbouring landowners concurrent with EA process for new wells





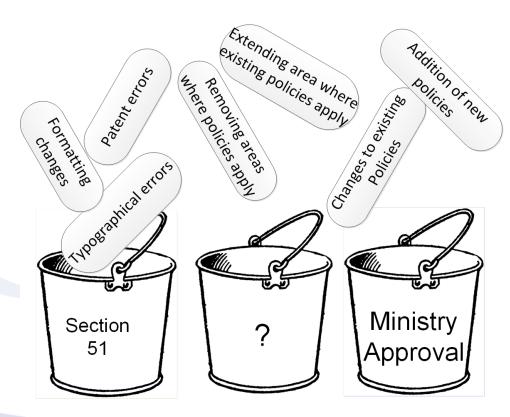






3. General program framework

- Considering delegating approval authority from Minister to Director
- Considering allowing SPA and SPC to approve plan amendments (extending or reducing areas where policies apply)











Timelines for implementation

- Existing vulnerable areas, vulnerability assessments can remain under original rules
- SPC could opt to use new rules in plan updates









Anticipated timelines for consultation

- Pre-consultation underway
 - Discussion on water budgets, vulnerable area delineation started summer 2016
 - Municipal staff workshops
 - PM and Chair's meetings
- Consultation forthcoming
 - Discussion paper anticipated on Environmental Registry May -June
 - 6 month (or more) period for further discussion / consultation
 - Final proposed changes to be released on EBR Environmental Registry









What this means for SGBLS SPR

- Work plan for plan review and update plan due Oct 2018
- Program review could have significant impacts on the SPP
 - New threats
 - Changes to circumstances
 - New rules for IPZ delineation
- Need to consider updating vulnerable area delineations, vulnerability scoring, and policies









Recommendation

- Technical Working Group:
 - review and comment on drafts during pre-consultation
 - Report back to SPC at fall meeting









Technical Working Group

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