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The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority is issuing the following **WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT** – effective immediately, **Tuesday 7 November 2017** and will remain in effect until the **11**th **of November 2017**.

WATER CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY

Crowe Valley Conservation Authority staff have observed an above average increase in lake levels and river flows throughout the watershed in the first few days of November 2017 due to significant accumulated rainfall over the past weekend.

Due to significant rainfall on the 5th of November and previous precipitation received in the prior two week period, flows in rivers and their tributaries are increasing. Lake levels are also on the rise in the Crowe Valley watershed. This will result in strong currents, especially around dams as they will be adjusted to release more water into the system.

DUE TO THESE CONDITIONS, THE CVCA URGES EVERYONE, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN TO STAY AWAY FROM ALL DAMS, WEIRS, HYDRO GENERATING PLANTS, BRIDGES AND ALL WATERCOURSES. CURRENT FLOWS IN RIVERS AND LARGER STREAMS OR CREEKS CAN EASILY SWEEP PEOPLE INTO A DANGEROUS SITUATION CAUSING HARM OR DROWNING ACCIDENTS. THEREFORE, IT IS IMPERATIVE TO STAY AWAY FROM THESE DANGEROUS ZONES.

The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority has issued this Water Safety Statement to inform the public of current and changing watershed conditions. Without additional rainfall, levels and flows are expected to begin receding by the 10th or 11th of November 2017. There is no currently no threat of flooding.

CVCA staff will continue to monitor levels and flows daily as per normal operations and will update the Water Safety Statement should current trends change or intensify. If there are any questions or concerns CVCA staff can be reached at 613-472-3137. The CVCA includes portions of the municipalities of Trent Hills, Stirling-Rawdon, Marmora and Lake, Havelock-Belmont-Methuen, North Kawartha, Wollaston, Limerick, Tudor and Cashel, Faraday and Highlands East.