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Dear Mr. McLellan, Mr. Brahaney, Ms. Warren, Mr. Metcalf and Ms. Mink:

I am pleased to inform you that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has approved the updated Trent Source Protection Plan and Ganaraska Source Protection Plan, and their associated assessment reports. These updates will take effect on the day a notice of this decision is posted on the Environmental Registry.

When the initial plans were approved in 2014, an order was given under section 36 of the *Clean Water Act, 2006* governing the future review of the plans, with an amended order issued on May 21, 2019, outlining the specific requirements. The amended Order allowed for the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Authority, along with the affected municipalities, to determine if the required updates could be completed and submitted as future amendments to the assessment reports and source protection plans under section 34 of the *Clean Water Act, 2006*. On November 8, 2024, I directed that the updated source protection plans submitted to the ministry be revised, i.e. to remove specific minimum requirements in prescribed instruments issued by the MECP where they address a significant drinking water threat.

Thank you for the resubmission of your updated plans. I am advised that the set of updates required have been completed. With the approval of these updates, compliance with the amended section 36 Order and alignment with the direction outlined in the November 8, 2024 letter has been achieved.

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To ensure your source protection plans remain current and continue to protect sources of drinking water, future updates to the plans can be made through locally initiated amendments under section 34 of the Act. This would include updates to reflect new or expanding drinking water systems, new scientific or technical information, revisions to policies to address implementation challenges, and any other updates that are necessary to ensure your source protection plans are achieving their objective to ensure that activities cease to be, or never become, significant threats to sources of drinking water.

I appreciate the dedication of the local municipalities, source protection authorities and committees, and all our partners and stakeholders for their work and contributions to these updates. Our strong protection framework will continue to help ensure Ontario's drinking water is held to high safety standards and that sources of drinking water in the province are protected for future generations.

Sincerely,



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