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Dear Mr. Smallegange, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Edmondson,

I'm pleased to inform you that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has completed its review of the updated assessment reports and source protection plan for the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region.

To ensure that the source protection plan remains current to protect sources of drinking water in the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region, I approve the amendments pursuant to section 36 of the *Clean Water Act, 2006.* These updates will take effect on the day a notice of this decision is posted on the Environmental Registry.

When the initial plan was approved in 2015, an order was given under section 36 of the *Clean Water Act, 2006* governing the future review of the plan, with an amended order issued on March 11, 2019, outlining the specific requirements. With the approval of these updates, compliance with the section 36 order has been achieved. I am not requiring another review of the source protection plan at this time. To ensure your source protection plan remains current and continues to protect sources of drinking water, future updates to the plan 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 plan is achieving its objectives 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 amendments. 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

David Piccini Minister

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