

[Ontario Rivers Alliance](#)

Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) Workshop

Saturday, 1 November 2014, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Nipissing University, 100 College Drive, North Bay - Main Entrance (1)
Signage will direct you to the room - Download campus map [here](#)

AGM Location: [Room A252](#)
Time: [10:00 am to 5:00 pm](#)

EBR Workshop Location: [B200, Weaver Auditorium – Admission Free](#)
Time: [1:00 to 2:30 pm - same building -- details below](#)

Keynote Speaker: [Ellen Schwartzel, Deputy Commissioner, ECO's Office](#)
Workshop: [Environmental Bill of Rights](#)

Participants must Register: [By Friday, 17 October.](#)

You must register at Info@OntarioRiversAlliance.ca before Friday, 17 October. We have limited capacity and the workshop will likely fill up very quickly. Please be clear whether you are registering for the entire AGM, or just the ECO Workshop.

We will be making arrangements for a light lunch for those attending the AGM, and will request a **contribution of \$30.00 towards your lunch and refreshments** – you may pay at the event.

[1:00 to 2:30 pm - B200, Weaver Auditorium](#) [Workshop Outline:](#) [An Overview of the Ontario Environmental Bill of Rights](#)

Presenter: Ellen Schwartzel, Deputy Commissioner, ECO

The Environmental Registry: Master the basics (and some of the finer points) of the Environmental Registry – a versatile and searchable online database for thousands of current environmental proposals and past decisions of the Ontario government. Learn the rules and best practices for submitting comments to the government – comments the government must consider in its decision-making.

Reviews and Investigations: This EBR tool lets the public be proactive in bringing environmental concerns and solutions to the government's attention. Ontarians from all walks of life have submitted over 600 applications since the EBR was enacted. Learn, for example, how two students used the EBR to prompt the government to prohibit by-laws that barred use of a proven energy saver: the outdoor clothesline.

Other EBR rights: Learn about your rights to request appeals of certain site-specific decisions on licences, approvals and other environmental instruments. For example, this tool can give members of the public a say on conditions in a company's water taking permit.

Reports of the Environmental Commissioner (ECO): The ECO has a mandate to produce Annual Reports on several subject areas, placing a wealth of information and unique analysis at your fingertips.