

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Ministère des Richesses naturelles et des Forêts

March 24, 2016

TO: Linda Heron, Ontario Rivers Alliance

Via email: linda.heron@rogers.com

SUBJECT: Environmental Registry Decision Notice,
Alterations, Improvements and Repairs to Existing Dams Technical Bulletin
Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act

Dear Ms. Heron,

Please be advised that as part of the Ministry's ongoing review of provincial requirements under the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act* (LRIA), a Decision Notice has been posted to the Environmental Registry regarding approval of the *Alterations, Improvements and Repairs to Existing Dams Technical Bulletin*. The Decision Notice can be accessed at the following link and searching for registry number 012-5093 <http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/>.

The approved Bulletin (attached) clarifies requirements for obtaining approvals for alterations, improvements and repairs to existing dams, and replaces the 2006 *Administration of Section 16 - Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act* policy document. The Bulletin also provides examples of common works that do not require LRIA Section 16 approval, which will assist dam owners in maintaining their dams and demonstrates the Ministry's continued commitment to dam safety.

Additional information regarding the LRIA and associated policy and technical direction can be found on the Ministry's Dam Management website <https://www.ontario.ca/page/dam-management>.

Thank you for the submission of Ontario Rivers Alliance comments in response to the draft policy posting. Should you have any questions regarding the *Alterations, Improvements and Repairs to Existing Dams Technical Bulletin*, or wish to discuss how comments provided by the Ontario Rivers Alliance were considered by the Ministry, please contact Josh Annett, Senior Policy Advisor, Crown Lands Section either by phone (705-755-1224) or by email (josh.annett@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Director
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c.c. Ken Cain, Manager, Crown Lands Section

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