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OPG Biodiversity on the Madawaska and Ottawa Rivers *Water Drawdown To Help Frogs and Turtles Survive Winter*

Renfrew – Ontario Power Generation (OPG) would like to remind the public that the summer water level minimums for the Ottawa and Madawaska Rivers end after Thanksgiving Monday, Oct. 9. OPG will adjust its operations within allowable operating levels using the fall/winter requirements. This will result in lower water levels.

Additionally, as part of OPG's commitment to biodiversity around our generating sites, operators will lower water levels at Calabogie Generating Station (GS) and Stewartville GS, both on the Madawaska River, and on the Ottawa River at Chenaux GS. This "draw down" of water is done to encourage frogs and turtles to burrow deep into the mud before winter sets in.

This initiative, which is supported by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR), could start in late October or early November, as temperatures get cooler.

Residents and businesses along these rivers are advised to take all necessary precautions to ensure the lower waters do not have an impact on their properties.

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