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Results-based Plan Briefing Book 2006-07
Ministry of the Environment

PART I: PUBLISHED RESULTS-BASED PLAN 2006/07

MINISTRY OVERVIEW

MISSION:

Working with all Ontarians and engaging partnerships with business and governments to prevent pollution, restore and protect the environment to enhance public health, environmental quality and economic vitality.

VISION:

An Ontario with clean and safe air, land and water that contributes to the healthy communities, ecological protection and sustainable development for present and future generations.

MINISTRY OVERVIEW STATEMENT

Ministry activities contribute to the government’s key priority “**Better Health**” and to the result “**Preventing illness, promoting wellness**” and the supporting result “**Reduce illnesses from smoking, obesity and environmental pollution.**”

MOE will provide strong environmental leadership to:

- Reduce environmental pollution to support the key government priority of Better Health – preventing illness and promoting wellness.
- Support the government’s priority of Stronger, Safer Communities.
- Achieve the government’s overall environmental priorities and outcomes.

MOE will help protect the health of Ontarians by reducing pollutants in Ontario by:

- Fulfilling the recommendations of the Walkerton Inquiry;
- Moving forward on province-wide watershed-based source water protection;
- Reducing smog-causing air emissions from Ontario sources and by addressing transboundary air pollution;
- Setting and implementing new air standards;
- Better management of waste; and
- Improving compliance and enforcement.

MOE will help preserve safe, clean, livable communities by:

- Cleaning up contaminated sites;
- Implementing brownfields regulations; and
- Introducing waste management tools and strategies.

MOE will enhance citizen participation and access to information by upgrading the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry.

IMPROVING THE AIR THAT ONTARIANS BREATHE

MOE will continue to address air pollution that has local, regional and/or global effects. The air program also includes air quality monitoring, emergency response and ensuring compliance with ministry regulations.

MOE will work with the other jurisdictions to address transboundary air pollution through implementing emission control programs, cooperative efforts, bi-national agreements, and other initiatives.

The implementation of Ontario’s Plan for Clean Air will consist of implementing the new nitrogen oxide and sulphur dioxide limits to reduce emissions of smog-causing pollutants from industry. As well, the ministry will implement the new air regulation to protect air quality in neighbourhoods and communities near industry.

MOE will continue to support the strategy to replace coal-fired electricity generation.

The Ministry and the federal government are finalizing the harmonization of federal and provincial requirements for monitoring and reporting industrial air emissions.

Work on reducing vehicle emissions of smog-causing pollutants will continue through the Drive Clean program and through the Smog Patrol focusing on inspecting higher risk heavy duty vehicles. The ministry will streamline the environmental assessment process for big transit projects to help reduce smog levels by reducing the number of cars on the road. The use of green fuels will be increased by the Ministry working with industry and others to implement the regulation that requires an annual average of five per cent ethanol in all gasoline sold in Ontario beginning 2007.

PROTECTING THE WATER THAT ONTARIANS DRINK

MOE will continue to work to improve the protection of water quality and quantity in lakes, rivers and underground aquifers. The water program includes monitoring and testing water quality, responding to spills, inspecting drinking water systems and enforcing regulations to ensure safe, clean drinking water and to protect and conserve water resources.

Work will continue on fulfilling the recommendations of the Walkerton Inquiry to protect drinking water from source to tap. A key part of this is moving ahead on implementing source water protection planning and investing in related scientific studies to protect drinking water sources. Other activities to protect water sources include developing science-based standards and best management practices for managing nutrients and phasing out the land application of untreated septage.

Activities to safeguard drinking water include setting and enforcing strong standards for drinking water quality and testing, improving the regulation of drinking water systems and introducing a performance management standard for municipal drinking water systems. Ontarians will be informed about their drinking water quality through annual reports on the overall performance of drinking water systems.

Ontario will also work with its neighbours, Quebec and the Great Lakes States to strengthen protection of the Great Lakes.

DEALING WITH THE WASTE THAT ONTARIANS GENERATE

MOE will continue to enhance the management of hazardous and non-hazardous waste and to restore land quality through the clean up of contaminated sites. Better policies and practices will be developed to divert a much wider range of materials out of the waste stream.

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MOE will develop a more effective and wider range of tools to help municipalities and industry better manage their waste. These tools will help increase waste diversion and facilitate the establishment of disposal capacity within the province for Ontario's residual waste. The ministry will work:

- To make the environmental assessment process more transparent, efficient and streamlined, while ensuring the process remains solidly protective of the environment.
- To streamline the approvals process for recycling facilities to help municipalities and industry divert more materials from disposal.
- To support the use of waste-derived fuel as part of Ontario's search for cleaner sources of energy.
- To streamline the approvals process to allow municipalities and industry to test and implement innovative solutions while ensuring the environment is protected.
- With the industrial, commercial and institutional sector to increase the amount of materials diverted from disposal, and ensure compliance with Ontario's 3Rs regulations.

EFFECTIVE COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

MOE will continue to use the full range of compliance and enforcement tools, while strengthening the integration of risk and performance-based strategies to improve compliance with environmental laws. MOE will also evaluate and develop new tools to encourage beyond compliance behaviour and improve the approvals processes.

MINISTRY ADMINISTRATION

Ministry administration provides strategic support for fiscal controllership and strategic management oversight, including financial management, human resources, audit, technology operations, legal, communications and French language services. It also includes improving the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry to enhance citizen participation into government decisions and making more information on environmental initiatives available to the public.

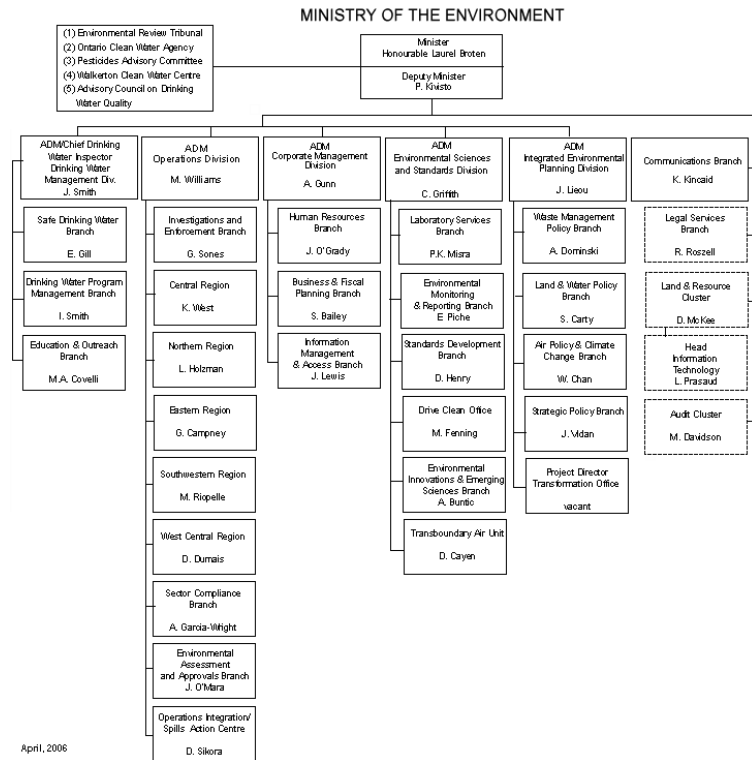
MINISTRY KEY RESULTS

The ministry has developed Performance Measures for each of its Votes/Items.

Two Key Results are:

- Reductions in air emissions including sulphur-dioxide, nitrogen oxide and volatile organic compounds.
- Fulfillment of O'Connor recommendations for clean water.

MINISTRY ORGANIZATION CHART



LEGISLATION ADMINISTERED BY THE MINISTRY:

Adams Mine Lake Act, 2004

Capital Investment Plan Act, 1993 (Part IV re: Ontario Clean Water Agency only)

Consolidated Hearings Act

Environmental Assessment Act

Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993

Environmental Protection Act

- Environmental Review Tribunal Act, 2000
- Ministry of the Environment Act
- Municipal Water and Sewage Transfer Act, 1997
- Nutrient Management Act, 2002 (together with The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs)
- Ontario Water Resources Act
- Pesticides Act
- Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002
- Sustainable Water and Sewage Systems Act, 2002
- Waste Diversion Act, 2002
- Waste Management Act, 1992
- Waterfront Regeneration Trust Agency Act, 1992

AGENCIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (ABCS)

	ESTIMATES 2006-07	INTERIM ACTUALS 2005-06	ACTUALS 2004-05
	\$	\$	\$
Advisory Council on Drinking Water Quality and Testing Standards	200,000.00	230,970.00	359,145.00
Environmental Review Tribunal	1,400,000.00	1,378,928.00	1,432,387.00
Ontario Pesticides Advisory Committee	200,000.00	197,597.00	199,052.00
Total Agencies, Boards & Committees (ABCs)	1,800,000.00	1,807,495.00	1,990,584.00
*NOTE: The Ministry will contribute \$5 million to the Walkerton Clean Water Centre in 2006-07 out of the Clean Water Item. Detailed financial information for Ontario Clean Water Agency and Walkerton Clean Water Centre are provided in their Business Plans.			

MINISTRY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

MINISTRY PLANNED EXPENDITURE 2006/07	
	ESTIMATES 2006-07
	\$
OPERATING	272,855,744.00
CAPITAL	29,445,500.00
Total Operating and Capital	302,301,244.00

MINISTRY PLANNED EXPENDITURE BY PROGRAM 2006/07	
VOTE / PROGRAMS	ESTIMATES 2006-07
	\$
MINISTRY ADMINISTRATION	
Strategic Management Support	59,042,800.00
Ministry Administration Total	59,042,800.00
AIR	
Smog and Air Toxics Reduction	28,321,400.00
Drive Clean	20,144,200.00
Climate Change	1,439,300.00
Air Total	49,904,900.00
WATER	
Clean Water	98,980,500.00
Source Protection	18,852,500.00
Nutrient Management	9,142,300.00
Water Capital	22,750,000.00

Water Total	149,725,300.00	
WASTE		
Non-Hazardous Waste Management	14,882,400.00	
Hazardous Waste Management	14,238,700.00	
Land Restoration	7,759,400.00	
Waste Capital	6,695,500.00	
Waste Total	43,576,000.00	
STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS	52,244.00	
MINISTRY Total Operating and Capital		302,301,244.00

APPENDIX: PUBLISHED RESULTS-BASED PLAN 2005/06 AND ANNUAL REPORT 2004/05

2005/06 PUBLISHED RESULTS-BASED PLAN

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- Support the government's priority of Stronger, Safer Communities.
- Achieve the government's overall environmental priorities and outcomes.

MOE will help protect the health of Ontarians by reducing pollutants from Ontario sources by:

- implementing the recommendations of the Walkerton Inquiry;
- moving forward on watershed-based source water protection;
- reducing smog-causing air emissions;
- setting tough new air standards;
- better management of hazardous waste; and
- improving compliance and enforcement.

MOE will help preserving safe, clean, liveable communities by:

- cleaning up contaminated sites;
- moving forward on brownfields regulations; and
- introducing waste management strategies.

IMPROVING THE AIR THAT ONTARIANS BREATHE

MOE will continue to address air pollution that has local, regional and/or global effects. The air program also provides air quality monitoring, emergency response and ensures compliance with ministry regulations.

Ontario's Plan for Clean Air to reduce industrial emissions of harmful air pollutants, includes:

- applying tough nitrogen oxide (NOX) and sulphur dioxide (SO₂) limits – two of the most significant smog-causing pollutants – to more industrial sectors than ever before;
- making the NOX and SO₂ limits even stricter in future years;
- setting and implementing new air standards, in some cases for the first time, for 40 harmful pollutants, including carcinogens and toxins that pose a threat to human health;
- achieving a better picture of industrial emissions through updated models; and
- a faster, risk-based approach to implementing new air standards.

MOE will continue to support the strategy of replacing coal-fired electricity generation.

Drive Clean continues to reduce smog-causing emissions by requiring vehicles to have emission tests before a licence plate can be renewed or transferred.

Smog Patrol is focusing on bringing higher risk heavy duty vehicles into compliance with emission standards.

MOE will improve the environmental assessment process for transit projects.

PROTECTING THE WATER THAT ONTARIANS DRINK

MOE will continue to address water quality and quantity in lakes, rivers and underground aquifers. The water program includes monitoring and testing water quality, responding to spills and enforcing regulations to ensure clean drinking water and to protect and conserve water resources.

Ontario's water strategy includes:

- Implementing the recommendations of the Walkerton Inquiry to protect drinking water from source to tap.
- Protecting drinking water sources by implementing source water protection planning and by investing in related scientific studies.
- Informing Ontarians about their access to safe drinking water by releasing annual reports on municipal residential drinking water systems.
- Ensuring compliance with nutrient management rules.
- Working toward ending the land application of untreated septage.
- Setting strong standards for drinking water quality and testing.
- Improving the regulation of drinking water systems.
- Improving the performance of municipal drinking water systems by better operator training and conducting rigorous inspections.
- Investing to help clean up and protect the Great Lakes.

DEALING WITH THE WASTE THAT ONTARIANS GENERATE

MOE will continue working to develop and enhance initiatives aimed at reducing, reusing and recycling waste. This includes streamlining the Environmental Assessment process for recycling facilities. The ministry will also ensure compliance with 3Rs regulation and reporting in the industrial commercial and institutional sector.

MOE will also continue to improve and make safer Ontario's hazardous waste management practices, enhance the management of non-hazardous waste and restore land quality through the clean up of contaminated sites.

EFFECTIVE COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

- MOE will continue to use the full range of compliance and enforcement tools, while assessing the possible future integration of risk and performance-based strategies to improve compliance with environmental laws. MOE will also evaluate and develop new tools to encourage beyond compliance behaviour and improve approvals processes.

MINISTRY ADMINISTRATION

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MINISTRY PLANNED EXPENDITURES 2005/06

Ministry Planned Expenditures (\$M) 2005/06	
Operating*	314
Capital	13

Note: Includes \$5 million consolidation adjustment.

MINISTRY PLANNED EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM 2005/06

Program Name	Ministry Planned Expenditures (\$M)
Air	50.1
Water	173.0
Waste*	47.6
Ministry Administration	56.3

Note: Includes \$5 million consolidation adjustment.

2004/05 ANNUAL REPORT

CLEANER AIR

The five-point action plan to reduce industrial emissions of harmful air pollutants was launched. MOE consulted on a proposed regulation that would set tough new NOx and SO2 emissions limits for industry, setting new air standards for 29 pollutants, updating technology for assessing health and environmental impacts from industrial emissions and implementing a new approach to set and implement air standards more quickly.

Ontario and Canada agreed to work together on tackling climate change.

CLEANER WATER

MOE continued to work on safeguarding drinking water by better protecting sources, and improving treatment and delivery. Rules for issuing permits to take water were strengthened to ensure rigorous reviews of proposed takings and stronger conservation measures. New or expanded takings that would remove water from watersheds that already have a high level of use are no longer allowed.

MOE consulted on draft legislation on the development and approval of source water protection plans. In addition, MOE consulted on recommendations on the technical and implementation aspects of source water protection planning made by two expert advisory committees. More than \$12.5 million in funding was announced for scientific studies to help local communities move ahead on source water protection planning.

Tougher certification and training rules were implemented for the people who operate municipal water treatment systems. The Walkerton Clean Water Centre was created to ensure training is available and accessible to drinking water systems operators across the province. Extensive consultations were held across the province to develop a more workable approach to regulating drinking water systems, especially smaller and rural systems.

New investments totaling approximately \$13 million was announced for a number of projects to clean up and protect the Great Lakes.

The improved guide to eating sport fish included new advice for women of child-bearing years and children.

REDUCING, REUSING AND RECYCLING WASTE

The Land Disposal Restriction Regulation introduced tough new rules to further harmonize waste requirements with those of the United States to require hazardous waste to be pre-treated to meet specific treatment standards before they can be land disposed in Ontario.

Work continued on increasing waste diversion. New composting standards were implemented making it easier for communities to compost organic waste. MOE began working on diverting e-waste — electronics and electrical equipment — from landfills. Industry continued paying the full 50 per cent of municipal blue box net costs. A discussion paper on options for diverting more of the province's waste from disposal was released.

The new Adams Mine Lake Act prohibited the dumping of waste in lakes.

A new regulation implemented clear and environmentally sound rules to promote the safe redevelopment of brownfield properties.

IMPROVING ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Ontario and Canada signed a cooperative agreement on unified and more effective environmental assessment process. An advisory panel was established to recommend ways of improving Ontario's environmental assessment process.

EFFECTIVE COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

Environmental penalties legislation was introduced to make companies responsible for spills pay and create a special fund to clean up spills and repair environmental damage.

The Environmental SWAT Team concluded its inspection sweep of industrial facilities in the Sarnia area. Thirty-one facilities were ordered to take action to come into compliance with environmental laws.

MINISTRY EXPENDITURES

	Ministry Actuals (\$M) 2004/05
Operating	299.3
Capital	6.6
Staff Strength (as of March 31, 2005)	2119

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