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FLOOD ADVISORY-UPDATE

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***LAKEHEAD REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
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The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority advises that approximately 6 millimetres of precipitation is forecast by midnight tonight, with an additional 15 to 35 mm forecast for Thursday. Rainfall amounts may be exceeded in the event of thunderstorms.

In response to the forecast rain, Ontario Power Generation is continuing a controlled release of water from Dog Lake. Levels will continue to rise on the Kaministiquia River. The potential exists for water levels to exceed levels experienced during the Friday June 6th rainfall event. Residents in the Kaministiquia River watershed are urged to pay close attention to rising levels.

Other area streams and rivers have all receded significantly from the rainfall on Friday however; as the ground is currently saturated any significant rainfall will result in a rapid rise in area watercourses which may result in flooding.

The public is advised to exercise caution in and around area waterways and remove stored items adjacent to stream banks to higher ground. Flows and levels may rise very quickly in the event of significant rainfall which may include thunderstorms. Underlying bank stability may be hazardous in and around watercourses.

Authority Staff will continue to monitor conditions.

A Flood Advisory is issued when the assessed conditions indicate that the potential for flooding exists. This advisory will be updated as conditions warrant.