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Dear Mr. Manning:

Re: EBR# 012-5530: Revisions to the Drinking Water Quality Management Standard

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) is pleased to have this opportunity to provide our input on *EBR# 012-5530: Revisions to the Drinking Water Quality Management Standard*.

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) is Canada's largest voluntary general farm organization, representing more than 36,000 family farm businesses across Ontario. These farm businesses form the backbone of our robust food system and rural communities with the potential to drive the Ontario economy forward.

This proposal speaks to the revisions being "administrative in nature and intended to clarify existing requirements..." OFA would like to ensure that the execution of these administrative changes do not result in any unintended consequences, particularly affecting the work done under the Clean Water Act. OFA and our members have worked very diligently to ensure that the process and results of source water protection under this Act protect our valuable drinking water while at the same time mitigate potential risks to the source water.

OFA supports the work being done to ensure consideration is made with regard the potential impacts of climate change on drinking water systems. However, any administrative changes made to the Drinking Water Quality Management Standard must be cognizant and reflective of the requirements in other Acts and regulations. Caution must be exerted to ensure duplication and contradiction is avoided.

I trust our opinions and recommendations will be given due consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Currie', is written over a large, faint, stylized watermark of the OFA logo. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Neil Currie,
General Manager