



Ministry of the Environment: Reinventing Access to Environmental Information



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Environmental Information – Present Practices and Future Goals

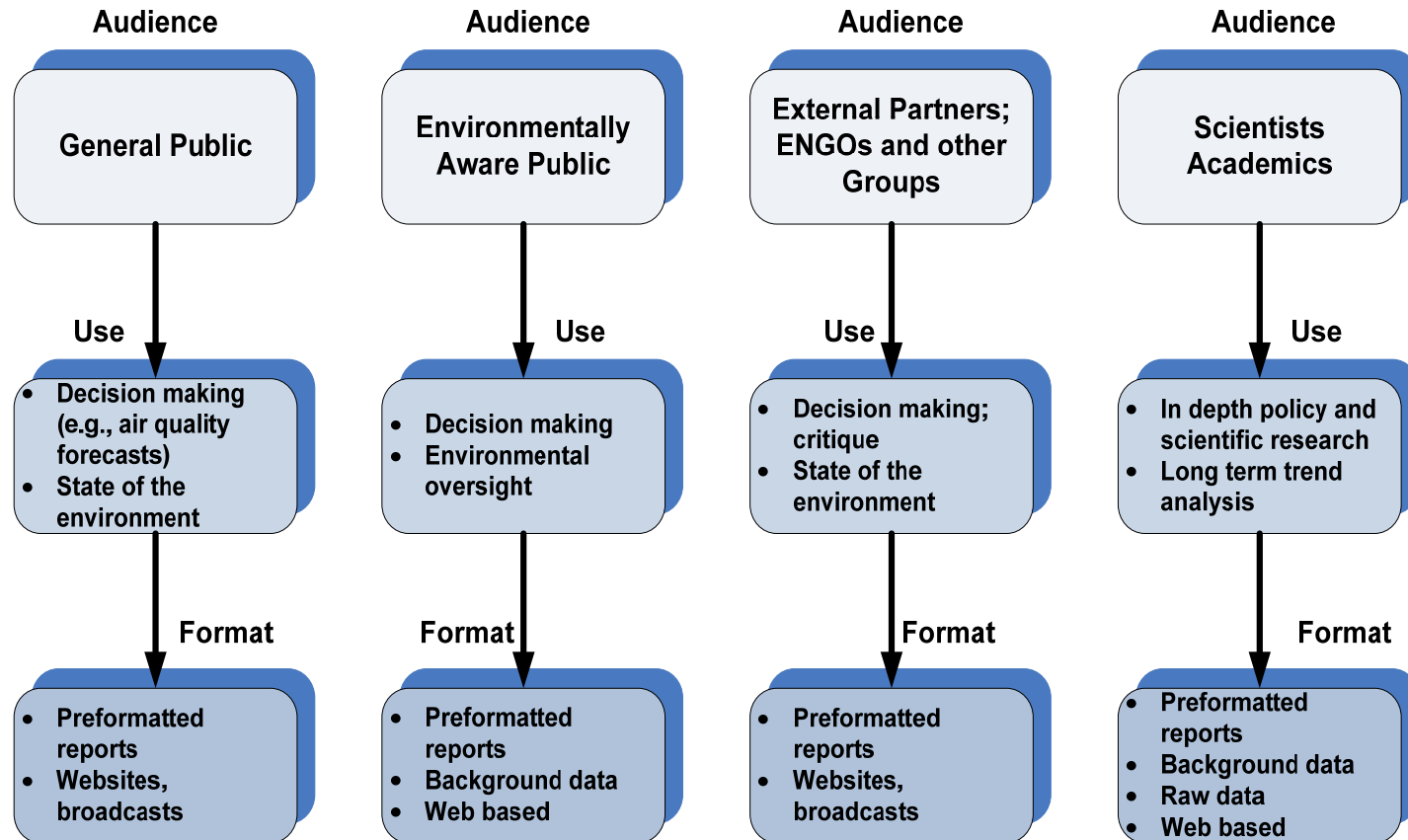
- Present information release channels
 - Formal publications (e.g., Chief Drinking Water Inspector Annual Report)
 - “Public ready” information (e.g., Certificates of Approval)
 - Web release (e.g., real time air quality reports; raw data)
 - Freedom of Information (FOI)

- Future Goals – digital age expectations (Web 2.0)
 - Information is readily available, correct, easily understood and physically accessible
 - Minimal need for expert intervention – direct access by citizens

General Information Release Trends

- Growing trend for environmental – and other – information release enabled by
 - Technological capacity
 - Content available in other areas
 - Niche technologies such as GIS
- Response to trends such as
 - Shared environmental stewardship approach
 - Public demand
 - Changing compliance and enforcement models
 - Role of information driven public pressure on decisions (e.g., naming polluters)

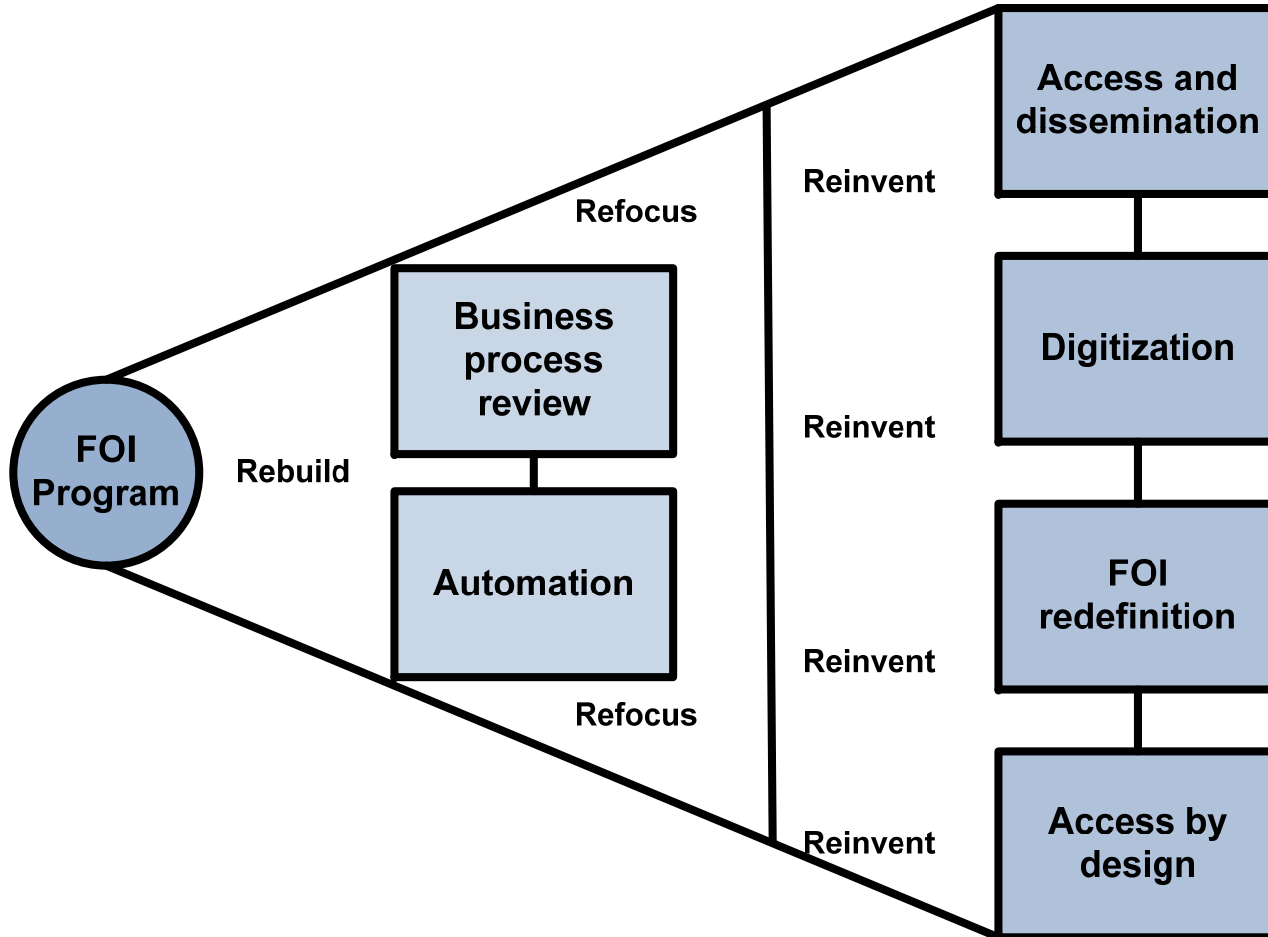
Sample External Audience Segmentation



New Ministry Information Access Directions

- Changing approach to
 - IM and IT investment – greater IM focus
 - Information release strategies and priorities
- Enterprise information investments
 - **Business intelligence (BI)** – Data aggregation capacity
 - **Geographic Information Systems (GIS)** – Place based information
 - **Enterprise Business Architecture (EBA)** – Business blueprint supporting horizontal information integration
 - **Enterprise Information Management (EIM)** – Document management
- New initiatives
 - Significant public information component in new Ministry programs
 - Emphasis on making publicly available information more accessible
 - Promoting “Access by Design” – access part of initial program design

From Rebuilding to Redefinition to Reinventing



Information Access and Dissemination Principles

- No longer sufficient to “fling data over the wall”
- Credible and easily accessible data critical – visual presentation important
- Comprehensive and agreed upon release plan
 - Not random data randomly released
- Clear objectives tied to release
 - What are organizational “motives and goals”
- Audience specific strategies
 - Services for all user communities
- Extensive partnerships
 - Added value, depth and support
- Dedicated information access staff resources
- Data clean up an important step – but not an access strategy

Ontario's Environmental Registry – Increased Access & Transparency



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Regulation Decision Notice:
Title: Proposed Lieutenant Governor in Council (LGIC) regulation made under the Planning Act to prescribe an undertaking that relates to energy.
EBR Registry Number:
Ministry: Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Date Decision loaded: August 09, 2010
Date Proposal loaded: May 28, 2010

Keyword(s): Land use planning

Decision on Regulation: On January 31, 2008, the Minister of Energy issued a ministerial directive for a Request for Proposals (RFP) to the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) to procure approximately 350 MW of new gas-fired peaking generation in Northern York Region site (York Energy Centre) to be located at 18781 Dufferin Street and...
Contact: Larry Clav

The facility is needed to support the projected population growth in York residents in northern York Region.
 York Energy Centre has completed the environmental assessment re Section 62.0.1 of the *Planning Act* provides that an energy under exemption under the *Environmental Assessment Act* (EA Act) and w...
 Section 70(h) of the *Planning Act* provides the statutory authority to r...
 On July 29, 2010 the LGIC made a regulation prescribing the York E...

Comment(s) Received on the Proposal: 146
 Public Consultation on the proposal for this decision was provided fo...
 As a result of public consultation on the proposal, the Ministry receiv...
 Additionally, a copy of all comments are available for public viewing t...
 A selection of these comments are available:
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Effect(s) of Consultation on this Decision:
 Note that of the 146 submissions, five were duplicates making the ac...
 commenting period (those submissions were not included in the ag...
 Consideration was given to all of the comments received. Commer...
 various individuals.
 The majority of comments were in opposition to the proposed exte...
 precedent setting, conformity to the Greenbelt Plan, increased pe...
 Proposal process, preempting an Ontario Municipal Board decision r...
 solutions, etc.
 Support was expressed from the business, construction, energy a...
 benefits associated with new construction jobs created.

Preview Comment

EBR Registry Number:	011-0037
Ministry:	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Notice Type:	Regulation
Notice Status:	Decision
Date Proposal loaded to the Registry:	May 28, 2010
Comment Period:	Public Consultation on the proposal for this decision was provided for 45 Days, from May 28, 2010 to July 12, 2010.
Title:	Proposed Lieutenant Governor in Council (LGIC) regulation made under the Planning Act to prescribe an undertaking that relates to energy.
Comment ID	126170
Comment	<p>Environmental considerations are more important than other considerations because the whole world, and particularly the developed world, has got itself into a terrible fix by ignoring the effects of pollution on all life here. For this reason, an exemption from our current environmental laws for this peaker plant cannot be allowed.</p> <p>I am talking about the urgency of climate change, poor air quality, peak oil & gas, and growing health care costs.</p> <p>Since carbon dioxide in the atmosphere already exceeds 350 parts per million, we must start phasing out all fossil fuels now, including natural gas. The benefits of the peaker plant are minimal, and the millions to be spent on this peaker plant are urgently needed elsewhere. The following projects have a much higher priority:</p> <p>-making poverty history</p>

Drinking Water Ontario – Information Tailored to Specific Audiences

SELECT A VIEW



Your Current View:
View All

- ➔ View All
- ➔ Public
- ➔ Municipal Owner / Operator
- ➔ Students
- ➔ Other Owner / Operator
- ➔ Certified Operator
- ➔ Drinking Water Testing Laboratory
- ➔ Private Well Owner
- ➔ Source Protection
- ➔ Schools, Private Schools and Day Nurseries

RESOURCES



- ➔ About the Ministry
- ➔ For Non-Municipal Owners / Operators
- ➔ Partners and Agencies
- ➔ Drinking Water Legislation
- ➔ Clean Water Act Information

Peterborough Water Treatment Plant

OWNER NAME:	Peterborough Utilities Commission
OPERATING AUTHORITY:	Peterborough Utilities Services Inc.
DRINKING WATER CATEGORY:	Large Municipal Residential System
POPULATION SERVED:	79320
DESIGN CAPACITY:	1203 Litre per Second

Sources:

- Otonabee River

Feeds to:

- Woodland Acres Subdivision Distribution System

Drinking Water System's Municipality Contact Information:

WEBSITE: <http://www.city.peterborough.on.ca/>
TELEPHONE:
EMAIL:



Drinking Water Quality - See how well your water meets provincial standards



100%

April 1, 2007 - March 31, 2008

The number shown in this box represents a percentage of all the drinking water quality test results done during the time period indicated that met the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards. Includes test results of health-related standard parameters only; operational testing data (ie, chlorine and turbidity) are not included in final water quality results.

Online Access to Certificates of Approval

Results 1 - 10 of 58 found

Approval Number	EBR Registry Number	Business Name	Address	Municipality	Approval Date	Approval Type	Approval Status
3-0600-81-826		The Corporation of the City of North Bay		NORTH BAY	12/14/99	Municipal and Private Sewage Works	Revoked and/or Replaced
8712-4LZPHN		The Corporation of the City of North Bay	1500 Fisher Street	North Bay	7/10/00	Municipal and Private Sewage Works	Approved
A530116		The Corporation	Part of annul				Revoked

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[3048-5D3DMM](#)

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CER:
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Corporation of the City of North Bay
200 McIntyre St. East
North Bay, Ontario
P1B 8H8

Site Location: Northgate Square
1500 Fisher Street
North Bay City, District of Nipissing

You have applied in accordance with Section 53 of the Ontario Water Resources Act for approval

relocation of the existing Northgate Square Shopping Plaza Sanitary Sewage Pumping Station in th

Access to Ontario Scientific Data

DATA DOWNLOADS

Datasets Available for Direct Download

- **Climate Model Assessment over Ontario (CMAO) data**
- **Drinking Water Surveillance Program (DWSP) data, 1998-2007**
- **Drinking Water "Where does my water come from?" Map data, 2010**
- **Hazardous Waste data, 2002-2008**
- **Municipal/Industrial Strategy for Abatement (MISA) data, 2007-2008**
- **Ontario Forest Biomonitoring Network (OFBN) data, 1990-2006**
- **Ontario Lake Partner (LPP) program data, 2000-2009**
- **Provincial (Stream) Water Quality Monitoring Network (PWQMN) data, 2003-2008**
- **Well Record data, 1899-2010**

Datasets Available on Other Sites






- **Ambient Air Quality Network data**
- **Sport Fish Contaminant Monitoring Program Advisories**

Data download is below

Either click to open the file in an associated program

Formats Available:

Data Downloads are distributed digitally.

- **Shapefiles (.SHP)** can be downloaded to your computer in ESRI shapefile format, which consists of several related files in one zipped document. Shapefile format requires ArcGIS Explorer, ArcMap or other Geographic Information System (GIS) software to view, but is the best choice if you wish to perform geographic analysis. 
- **Access® (.MDB)** databases can be opened in Access® if you have MS Office, or any of the ArcGIS suite of products. 
- **Excel® (.XLS)** documents can be viewed in Excel® if you have MS Office, Google Documents or OpenOffice.org. 
- **KMZ** documents are stored as zip files. They must be downloaded and unzipped before they can be viewed in **Google Earth**, to allow visualizing spatial data. 
- **CSV** documents are comma- 

Successes: Products and Directions

- Digitizing scientific publications
 - 4000 “paper-only” publications digitized
 - Available online
 - Hits count document use
- Fish Guide
 - Most popular Ontario Government publication
 - Being enhanced (e.g., web enabled)
- Access by design
 - New applications require information release component
 - GIS Portal – site for place based data presentation
 - Requires information standards
 - Move to Web 2.0 model – information when you want it how you want it