

Thames – Sydenham and Region Source Protection Authority Meeting Agenda

Source Protection Authority Upper Thames River

Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Meeting Time: 9:30am

Meeting Location: Virtual Meeting Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Mover: M.Blosh Seconder: A.Hopkins

THAT the members approve the Agenda as posted.

2. Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting: April 28, 2020

Mover: T.Jackson Seconder: S.Levin

THAT that the minutes of the Upper Thames River Source Protection Authority dated April

28, 2020 be approved as presented.

3. Business for Approval

3.1 Ratification of Elected Positions – J.Allain

Mover: N.Manning Seconder: H.McDermid

THAT the Source Protection Authority approve the recommendation as presented in the

report.

3.2 Drinking Water Source Protection Annual Progress Report – J.Allain

Mover: P.Mitchell Seconder: A.Murray

THAT the Source Protection Authority approve the recommendations as presented in the

report.

4. Business for Information

5. Adjournment

Mover: B.Petrie

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Tracy Annett

General Manager









Report to: Upper Thames River Conservation Authority Board of Directors

Cc: Date: April 14, 2021

From: Jenna Allain, Source Protection Coordinator

Re: Ratification of Elected Positions

Recommendation

That the Source Protection Authority ratify the January 26th, 2021 election of Joe Salter as the Source Protection Striking Committee Member and Committee Liaison.

Background

The following is an excerpt from the minutes of the January 26th, 2021 UTRCA Board of Directors Meeting.

Source Protection Striking Committee Member & Committee Liaison

S.Levin moved to open nominations.

G.Inglis called for nominations for the position on the Source Protection Striking Committee and Committee Liaison.

J.Reffle nominated J.Salter to be the Source Protection Striking Committee Member and Committee Liaison.

G.Inglis called twice more for further nominations.

J.Salter agreed to let his name stand.

Mover: A.Dale Seconder: S.Levin

THAT nominations for the position of Source Protection Striking Committee Member and

Committee Liaison be closed.

Carried.

Joe Salter was declared as the Source Protection Striking Committee Member & Committee Liaison.

Recommended by: Jenna Allain,

Source Protection Coordinator









Report to Upper Thames River Source Protection Authority

Cc SP Management Committee Date April, 2021

From Jenna Allain, Source Protection Coordinator

Re: Drinking Water Source Protection Annual Progress Report

Purpose

To approve the submission of the 2020 Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Annual Progress Report to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).

Background

As required by the Clean Water Act, the TSR Source Protection Region must prepare an annual progress report to demonstrate progress made in implementing policies that protect surface water and groundwater municipal drinking water sources in the region. **Figure 1** provides a simplified overview of the comprehensive process.

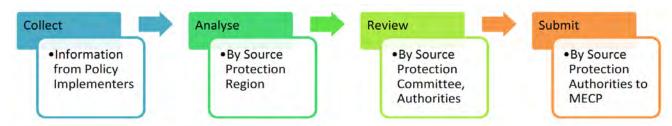


Figure 1: Source Protection Plan - Annual Progress Reporting at a Glance

Staff analysed information from implementing bodies, using the online Electronic Annual Reporting (EAR) tool. Municipalities, provincial ministries and Risk Management Officials are commended for their large effort in collecting pertinent data and information over the course of the year to inform the annual progress reporting process.

Reporting information is provided to MECP at the source protection region level, based on TSR SPR's analysis of hundreds of contributing data and information from policy implementers provided by February 1 every year. In turn, the MECP collects the detailed synthesized reports from Source Protection Authorities across Ontario by May 1 every year, and aggregates it to the provincial scale in the annual Chief Drinking Water Inspector's Report.

The Thames-Sydenham and Region Annual Progress Report is a public-facing document developed by the MECP and prepared by Thames-Sydenham and Region staff (Appendix A). The report provides valuable information about the implementation of the Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Plan and the overall success of the program. The report reflects implementation efforts from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Information presented in the progress report is intended to be a high-level reflection of annual reporting results collected through the Thames-Sydenham and Region Supplemental Form. The









Supplemental Form is a tool to collect key information from implementing bodies to help convey the story of progress made in the Thames-Sydenham Source Protection Region using a series of questions organized by theme (Appendix B). Some themes are specific and mirror policy tools, e.g., Risk Management Plans, while others are more broad, e.g., municipal integration of source protection, achievement of source protection objectives.

The theme, "achievement of source protection plan objectives" includes two report items that require Source Protection Committee (SPC) input: the first, the committee's opinion on the extent to which objectives in the plan have been achieved during the reporting period, and the second, comments to explain how the committee arrived at its opinion. The Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Committee has reviewed the results of the Supplemental Form and Annual Progress Report and have approved the following responses for inclusion in the report.

Report Item ID 350

In the opinion of the Source Protection Committee (SPC), to what extent have the objectives of the SPP been achieved in this reporting period?

Progressing well/on target –	
Majority of the source protection plan policies have been implemented and/or	
are progressing well.	
Satisfactory –	
Some of the source protection plan policies have been implemented and/or are	
progressing well.	
Limited progress made –	
A few of the source protection plan policies have been implemented and/or are	
progressing well.	

Reportable Item ID 351

Please provide comments to explain how the SPC arrived at its opinion. Include a summary of any discussions that might have been had amongst the SPC members, especially where no consensus was reached.

December 31st, 2020 marked five years since our Source Protection Plan first took effect. In that time significant progress has been made to implement the policies contained in the plan, and address the activities that were identified as posing a risk to our municipal drinking water supplies. To date, 80% of the policies in the plan that address significant drinking water threats have been fully implemented, with the remaining 20% progressing well.

That being said, 2020 was a difficult year for everyone due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and for those working in source protection, it was no exception. Risk Management Officials and Inspectors throughout the region put a pause on all site visits for most of the spring of 2020, with mostly outdoor-only visits eventually resuming over the summer months. Most Risk Management Officials and Inspectors have reported that it has been a challenging time to try and engage people to negotiate risk management plans, with many businesses just focused on saving or maintaining their operations. Risk Management Officials understood those challenges, and continued their efforts to ensure that municipal drinking water supplies were protected without









creating undue hardships for businesses. An additional six Risk Management Plans were established over the reporting period bringing the Region's total Risk Management Plans to 62.

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Recommendation

That the Upper Thames River Source Protection Authority direct staff to submit the 2020 Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Annual Progress Report and Supplemental form to the Director of the Source Protection Programs Branch of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.



Annual Progress Report

on Implementation of the Source Protection Plans for the Thames-Sydenham & Region Source Protection Areas

Reporting Period - January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020



For more information about the drinking water source protection plan, visit www.sourcewaterprotection.on.ca









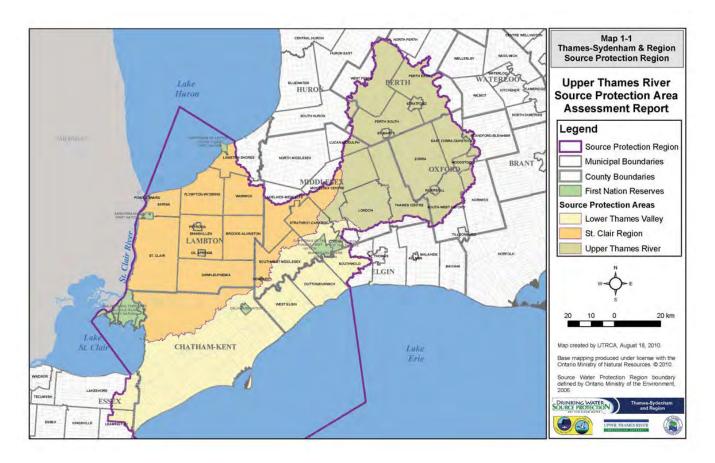


Source Protection Annual Progress Report

I. Introduction

This annual progress report outlines the progress made in implementing our source protection plan for the Lower Thames Valley Source Protection Area, St. Clair Region Source Protection Area and Upper Thames River Source Protection Area, as required by the Clean Water Act and regulations. This is the fourth Annual Progress Report released since the Source Protection Plan took effect on December 31st, 2015, and it highlights the actions taken from January 1 to December 31, 2020.

Protecting the sources of our drinking water is the first step in a multi-barrier approach to safeguard the quality and quantity of our water supplies. The source protection plan is the culmination of extensive science-based assessment, research, consultation with the community, and collaboration with local stakeholders and the Province. When policies in the plan are implemented it ensures that activities carried out in the vicinity of municipal wells and lake-based intakes will not pose significant risk to those drinking water supplies.



II. A message from your local Source Protection Committee

	P: Progressing Well/On Target – The majority of the source protection plan policies have been implemented and/or are progressing.
	S : Satisfactory – Some of the source protection plan policies have been implemented and/or are progressing.
\bigcirc	L : Limited progress – A few of the source protection plan policies have been implemented and/or are progressing.

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III. Our Watershed

To learn more, please read our assessment report(s) and source protection plan(s)

The Thames-Sydenham and Region is made up of the watersheds of Lower Thames Valley, the St. Clair Region, and the Upper Thames River.

The Lower Thames Valley Source Protection Area includes those lands draining into the Thames River from the community of Delaware to Lake St. Clair. It also includes the lands that drain into Lake Erie lying south of the lower Thames River watershed and a small triangle of land north of the mouth of the Thames draining directly into Lake St. Clair. This area includes most of the municipality of Chatham-Kent, the western portion of Elgin County, part of southwestern Middlesex County (including some of the City of London) and a portion of eastern Essex County. The Lower Thames Valley Source Protection Area also includes four First Nation reserves; the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, Deleware Nation, Munsee-Deleware Nation and Oneida Nation of the Thames. Caldwell First Nation is also established in the area between Leamington and Rondeau Bay; however they currently do not have a reserve. The area covers approximately 3,274 square kilometres with a total watershed population (2001) of about 107,000.

The residents of the Lower Thames Valley Source Protection Area receive most of their municipal drinking water from Lake Erie through 3 intakes. The communities of Ridgetown and Highgate receive their drinking water from municipal wells. Some parts of the watershed within Essex County receive their municipal drinking water from intakes in Lake St. Clair. Although the drinking water for much of the population of the Lower Thames is supplied from municipal drinking water sources, some residents rely on water from private wells.

The St. Clair Region Source Protection Area includes the Sydenham River drainage basin and several smaller watersheds that drain to Lake Huron, the St. Clair River or Lake St. Clair. The Source Protection Area covers over 4,100 square kilometres and includes most of the County of Lambton, part of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent and part of the County of Middlesex with a total watershed population of 167,000. The area also includes three First Nation reserves; Chippewas of Kettle and Stoney Point, Aamjiwnaang, and Walpole Island First Nations. The residents of the St. Clair Region Source Protection Area receive most of their municipal drinking water from Lake Huron and the St. Clair River through 3 intakes. Parts of Middlesex County receive their municipally supplied drinking water from an intake in Lake Huron outside the Source Protection Region. There are no longer any communities in the St. Clair Region that receive drinking water from municipal wells. Although the drinking water for much of the population of the Lower Thames is supplied from municipal drinking water sources, some residents rely on water from private wells.

The Upper Thames River Source Protection Area includes all areas draining into the Thames River above the community of Delaware. This covers large parts of Oxford, Perth and Middlesex Counties including most of the City of London. Very small portions of Huron and Elgin Counties also drain into the upper Thames River. The area covers approximately 3,423 square kilometres with a total watershed population (2001) of about 472,000. There are no First Nations in the Upper Thames River Source Protection Area.

The residents of the Upper Thames River Source Protection Area receive their municipal drinking water from Lake Huron or Erie through 2 intakes in other Source Protection Areas. Many of the communities in Perth and Oxford Counties rely on groundwater for municipally supplied drinking water. Although the drinking water for much of the population of the Upper Thames is supplied from municipal drinking water sources, many rural residents rely on water from private wells.

IV. At a Glance: Progress on Source Protection Plan Implementation

1. Source Protection Plan Policies

For the policies that address significant drinking water threats in the TSR Source Protection Plan, 80% have being fully implemented. Another 16% are currently in progress, and for the remaining 4%, policy outcomes were evaluated and no further action was required. Further progress was also made to implement the significant non-legally binding policies, with 84% of those policies being fully implemented, and the remaining 16% requiring no further action.

2. Municipal Progress: Addressing Risks on the Ground

27 municipalities in the Thames-Sydenham and Region (TSR) have vulnerable areas where significant drinking water threat policies apply. These municipalities are required to ensure that their planning and building decisions conform with the Thames-Sydenham and Region SPP, and must also ensure that their Official Plan conforms with the SPP upon the next Planning Act review.

Half of the municipalities in the TSR that have an official plan (9 of 18) have completed their required Official Plan conformity exercises. Of the remaining 9 municipalities, 8 are in the process of amending their Official Plan, and one has not yet started.

All of the municipalities in our Source Protection Region that are responsible for day-to-day land use planning and building permit decisions, have integrated source protection requirements to ensure that their planning and building decisions conform with the policies in the TSR SPP.

3. Septic Inspections

P: Progressing Well/On Target:

Under the Ontario Building Code, any on-site sewage system which has been identified as a significant drinking water threat is required to be inspected once every five years. In the Thames-Sydenham and Region there are seven municipalities which have on-site sewage systems that require mandatory inspection. Of those seven municipalities, five have completed all of the required inspections, while two municipalities are still undertaking inspections. While only two inspections were undertaken in 2020, many of our municipalities are planning inspections for 2021.

4. Risk Management Plans

P: Progressing Well/On Target

Risk Management Officials and Inspectors throughout the Thames-Sydenham and Region reported that 2020 was a challenging year to try and engage people to negotiate risk management plans due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Most RMO's and RMI's had to suspend in-person site visits when the pandemic was first declared in March 2020, with limited site visits that included extra safety precautions, resuming in the summer and fall of 2020. Despite the challenging year, six new Risk Management Plans were agreed to in 2020, bringing the Region's total Risk Management Plans to 62.

In The Thames-Sydenham and Region there are 18 municipalities who have areas were risk management plan policies apply. In 10 of those 18 municipalities, 100% of the expected risk management plans have already been agreed to or established. Based on the responses provided by Risk Management Officials, it is estimated that about 70% of the anticipated risk management plans across the Region have been established. However, this assessment does not include some municipalities who are still in the process of verifying significant threats, and do not have an accurate assessment of the number of RMP's that will be required in their municipalities.

Although site visits were limited in 2020 due to the global pandemic (as discussed above), Risk Management Officials and Inspectors still managed to carry out 86 inspections to investigate activities that could either be prohibited or require a risk management plan.

5. Provincial Progress: Addressing Risks on the Ground

P: Progressing Well/On Target

Provincial ministries, including MECP, MNRF, MTO and OMAFRA, are responsible for the implementation of source protection policies included in the Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Plan. These ministries are reviewing previously issued provincial approvals (e.g., prescribed instruments such as environmental compliance approvals issued under the Environmental Protection Act), where they have been identified as a tool in our plan to address existing activities that pose a significant risk to sources of drinking water. The provincial approvals are being amended or revoked where necessary to conform with plan policies. Our policies set out a timeline of 5 years to complete the review and make any necessary changes. The ministries have completed this for 100% of previously issued provincial approvals in our source protection region.

The above-noted Provincial Ministries have also established Standard Operating Policies to ensure that all new applications submitted for provincial approvals take into account the science generated through the Drinking Water Source Protection Program, and policies in the relevant source protection plan. Where necessary, new prescribed instruments are either being denied or issued with conditions added to ensure that the activity does not pose a significant threat to sources of drinking water.

6. Source Protection Awareness and Change in Behaviour

New, provincial standard road signs mark locations where well-used roads cross into zones where municipal drinking water sources are the most vulnerable to contamination. The road signs provide general public awareness about the sensitivity of the area. They will also alert first responders of the need to quickly inform the appropriate authorities so action can be taken to keep contaminants out of the public water treatment and distribution system. A total of 163 Drinking Water Protection Zone signs have been installed on roadways in the Thames-Sydenham Source Protection Region.

7. Source Protection Plan Policies: Summary of Delays

Incentive programs are not being considered by most organizations in the Thames-Sydenham Region as suggested by Policy 1.04 of the Source Protection Plan. If Provincial funding support were made available to help offset the costs of an incentive programs, more organizations would be open to the consideration of an incentive program. It should be noted that this is a non-legally binding policy in the Source Protection Plan.

Discretionary Septic System Maintenance Inspections programs targeting moderate and low septic system threats have not yet been considered by municipalities in the Thames-Sydenham and Region. Discretionary inspections are recommended in policy 3.01, and as above, it should be noted that this is a non-legally binding policy. At this point in time, municipalities have been focusing on the mandatory septic inspections as required for septic systems that pose a significant threat to drinking water. More consideration will be given to discretionary inspections once the mandatory inspections are complete.

8. Source Water Quality: Monitoring and Actions

Microcystin at the Wheatley and Chatham/South Kent Surface Water Intakes Harmful algal blooms (HABs) of blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) have been increasing in size and severity in recent years in the western basin of Lake Erie. Annual blooms have resulted in the closure of many Lake Erie beaches, as well as the shut-down of drinking water facilities on Pelee Island, and in Ohio. Microcystin-LR, a neurotoxin, is released when blue-green algae cells break down. All water treatment plants for Lake Erie systems in the Thames-Sydenham and Region have the treatment processes in place to remove microcystin-LR and provide safe drinking water during a bloom event. However, there is concern that some systems could be overwhelmed if HABs continue to increase in severity. The Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (GLWQA) recognized that phosphorous is the limiting nutrient for cyanobacteria growth and, as such, contributes to the microcystin issue. The Conservation Authorities of the Thames-Sydenham and Region (TSR) are committed to working with senior levels of government and other partners to implement relevant actions to reduce phosphorous in our region. The TSR will also continue to consider all available data for the Wheatley and Chatham/South Kent intakes to determine whether microcystin-LR continues to be an issue for these water treatment plants.

Nitrates at the Wallaceburg Surface Water Intake

In October 2017, the Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Committee (SPC) reviewed nitrate monitoring data collected between 2013 and 2017 for the Wallaceburg issue. The results of the monitoring were inconclusive and did not yield enough information to confirm the issue and delineate an Issue Contributing Area. Water treatment plant staff and managers for the Wallaceburg intake indicated that they no longer had any significant concerns regarding nitrate concentrations at the intake. The Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan will therefore be amended to indicate that nitrates are no longer an issue at the Wallaceburg intake.

Nitrogen at the Woodstock Well System

Nitrate occurs in the Thornton wellfield and Tabor wellfield of the Woodstock Drinking Water System. Nitrate levels are routinely above half of the treated water maximum allowable concentration (MAC) of 10 mg/L. Anthropogenic activities associated with agriculture, residential development and wetlands are known sources of nitrate in groundwater. Nitrates were therefore identified as an issue for both the Thornton and Tabor wellfields. An analysis of the nitrate levels in some of the wells for the Thornton wellfield revealed that nitrate levels may be leveling off or decreasing. Additional monitoring was recommended to determine whether an Issue Contributing Area (ICA) was required at the Thornton wellfield. Levels at the Tabor wellfield were significantly lower than those seen in the Thornton wellfield, but appeared to be trending upwards. The wellfield contains two highly productive wells that are a main supply of water to the system. An ICA was therefore delineated for the Tabor wellfield.

In their 2020 annual monitoring report, Oxford County indicated that there currently was not enough information available to determine changes to the concentration or trend of nitrates in either the Thornton or Tabor wellfields. The County will complete a review of the Thornton nitrate levels to determine whether the delineation of an Issue Contributing Area (ICA) is warranted.

9. Science-based Assessment Reports: Work Plans

No work plans were required to be implemented for our assessment reports.

10. More from the Watershed

To learn more about our source protection region, visit our Homepage: https://www.sourcewaterprotection.on.ca/



Report Id	Completed	Question	
10	True As applicable to your source protection region/area, indicate if all relevant implementing bodies submitted a status update/annual report to the source protection authority for the previous reporting year. If "No" is selected for any implementing body(ies), then please complete the Comments field below with details including the name of the specific implementing body along with an explanation, if available, for not submitting a status update/annual report as required by a monitoring policy. *NOTE: Where a listed implementing body(ies) is not applicable/relevant to your source protection region/area, then simply select "No" and explain that it is not an applicable implementing body in your source protection region/area in the Comments field text box.		
Response			Answer
Risk Manag	gement Official		Yes
Municipality	/		Yes
Conservation	on Authority		Yes
Local Healt	h Unit		No
MECP - Waste Disposal Sites - Landfilling and Storage			Yes
MECP - Wastewater/Sewage Works			
MECP - Pesticides			
MECP - Hauled Sewage/Biosolids			Yes
MECP - Pe	rmit to Take W	ater	Yes
MECP - Mu	MECP - Municipal Residential Drinking Water Systems		
MECP - Ot	ner Policies		Yes
	•	Sites - Landfilling and Storage Inspections	Yes
	MECP - Wastewater/Sewage Works Inspections		
	nditions Sites		No
	/IA - ASM and I	NASM Inspections	Yes
OMAFRA			Yes
MNRF			Yes
MTO			Yes
MMAH			No
MGCS-TSS	SA		No

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No



Provincial Board/Commission				
Federal Departments/Agencies/Commissions/Crown Corporations				
Private Entity/Company				
Association/Organization				
Comment: All implementing bodies met the February 1st deadline to report on their implementation efforts in 2019. All "NO" responses are because that body is not named as an implementing body in the Thames-Sydenham & Region Source Protection Plan.				

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Report Id	Completed	Question	Category
20	True	Did the Source Protection Authority (i) indicate the status of all threat policies as contained in their source protection plan by using one of the two options outlined in the guidance document (ID 20a) AND (ii) either provide details in the response field text box in section 2 for policies with a "No Progress Made" and/or "No information available/no response received" implementation status OR complete the table as part of reportable ID 20b in the Excel Workbook for those policies with a "No Progress Made" and/or "No information available/no response received" implementation status (only if also submitting the Excel Workbook)? Please refer to the instructions provided for EAR Reportable ID 20 in the Guidance document which can be found in the FAQ section of the EAR online tool.	
Answer:	Yes		
Comment:			
Report Id	Completed	Question	
30		Number of risk management plans agreed to or established within the source protection area/region (to address existing and future threats) in this reporting period (i.e., annual total).	
		Current Year Cumulative Count	
		6 62	
Provincial ⁻	Total	6 62	
Comment:			
Report Id	Completed	Question	
31	True	Number of properties (i.e., parcels) with risk management plans agreed to or established in this reporting period.	
		Current Year Cumulative Count	
		6 61	
Provincial ⁻	Total	6 61	
Comment:			



Report Id	Completed	Question	
32		How many existing* significant drinking water threats have been managed through the established risk management plans in this reporting period (* meaning engaged in OR enumerated as existing significant threats)?	
		Current Year Cumulative Count	
		4 121	
Provincial 7	Γotal	4 121	
Comment:	property an	six RMP's agreed to/established in 2020 were for future threats, where the RMP was established prior to the develo d establishment of drinking water threat activities. Therefore, there were more RMP's agreed to or established in 20 gnificant threats managed.	
Report Id	Completed	Question	Category
33 Answer:	True 70	If known, please state the percentage of risk management plans that have been established to date in relation to the ones still needed/pending to manage EXISTING significant drinking water threat activities. [OPTIONAL]: You may also include a description of the effort and time dedicated to getting the risk management plans in place in the Comments field.	Part IV (Sections 57 58 & Section 59)
Answer:	70 	d on the responses provided by Risk Management Officials, we are estimating that about 70% of the anticipated ris	······································
Comment.	plans have already been agreed to or established. However, there are some municipalities that are still in the process of verifying significant threats and do not have an accurate assessment of the number of RMP's that will be required in their municipalities, and were therefore unable to provide a response to this question. Those municipalities were left out of the above estimate. In The Thames-Sydenham and Region there are 18 municipalities who have areas were risk management plan policies apply. In 10 of those 18 municipalities, 100% of the expected risk management plans have already been agreed to or established.		

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Report Id	Completed	Question			
40	True	How many section 59 notices were issued in this reporting period for activities to which neither a prohibition (section 57) nor a risk management plan (section 58) policy applied, as per ss. 59(2)(a) of the Clean Water Act?			
		Current Year	Cumulative Count		
		10	113		
Provincial	Total	10	113		
Comment:					
Report Id	Completed	Question			
41	True	How many section 59 notices were issued in this reporting per (section 58) policy applied, as per ss. 59(2)(b) of the Clean V			
		Current Year	Cumulative Count		
		3	15		
Provincial	Total	3	15		
Comment:					
Report Id	Completed	Question			
50	True	For the purposes of section 61 of O. Reg. 287/07, how many notices and/or copies of prescribed instruments that state the prescribed instrument conforms with the significant drinking water threat policies in the source protection plan (i.e., statement of conformity confirms the instrument holder is exempt from requiring a risk management plan) did the risk management official receive in this reporting period?			
		Current Year	Cumulative Count		
		0	6		
- : : :	Total	0	6		
Provincial					



Report Id	Completed	Question	gory			
60 Answer:	True Provide a brief overview of inspections that were carried out for activities that are prohibited under section 57 or require a risk management plan under section 58 of the Clean Water Act. You may wish to include a brief summary of inspection results and an overall indication of compliance. If no inspections were conducted in the previous calendar year, please explain. [OPTIONAL]: If you wish to share any insights or feedback about the compliance process in general, please do so. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, only a limited number of on-site inspections were carried out by Risk Management Official Inspectors in the Thames-Sydenham and Region. Most Risk Management Officials reported that inspections in 2020 were as drive-by/windshield surveys only and compliance with risk management plans were confirmed through email and teleple correspondence.		ed out			
Comment:	for ris circur	32 on-site inspections were completed in Oxford County to verify the presence of significant drinking water threats and confirm the need for risk management plans. All of these inspections led to the RMO/RMI confirming that on-site activities did not to meet the circumstances required to be a significant threat and RMP's were not required.				
Comment.		ompliance issues were reported other than for one property in the Municipality of Leamington where the RMO has not been plish communication with property owner to initiate discussions about the required RMP for the property.				
Report Id	Completed (Question				
61		State the total number of inspections (including any follow-up site visits) that were carried out for activities (existing or future) that are prohibited under section 57 of the Clean Water Act in this reporting period.				
		Current Year Cumulative Count				
		19 142				
Provincial	Total	19 142				
Comment:						

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Report Id	Completed	Question		
62	True	Among the inspections conducted for section 57, how many showed that activities were taking place on the landscape even though they were prohibited (i.e., in contravention) under section 57 of the Clean Water Act in this reporting period?		
		Current Year Cumulative Count		
		0 0		
Provincial 7	Γotal	0 0		
Comment:				
Report Id	Completed	Question		
70	True	How many existing significant drinking water threats have been prohibited as a result of section 57 prohibitions in this reporting period?		
		Current Year Cumulative Count		
		0 15		
Provincial 7	Γotal	0 15		
Comment:				
Report Id	Completed	Question		
80	True	State the total number of inspections (including any follow-up site visits) that were carried out for activities that require a risk management plan under section 58 of the Clean Water Act in this reporting period.		
		Current Year Cumulative Count		
		67 805		
Provincial 7	Γotal	67 805		
Comment:				



Report Id	Completed	Question		
81	True	Among the inspections conducted for section 58, how many were in contravention with section 58 of the Clean Water Act in this reporting period (i.e., person engaging in a drinking water threat activity without a risk management plan as required by the source protection plan)?		
		Current Year Cumulative Count		
		1 1		
Provincial [*]	Total	1 1		
Comment:				
Report Id	Completed	Question		
82	True	Among the inspections for section 58, how many were in non-compliance with the specific contents of the risk management plan in this reporting period? (NOTE: Please only include those inspections that showed non-compliance with measures/conditions to manage the actual threat activity.)		
		Current Year Cumulative Count		
		0 0		
Provincial [*]	Total	0 0		
Comment:				
Report Id	Completed	Question		
83	True	State the total number of notices issued where there were cases of contraventions and/or non-compliance found with section 57 in this reporting period.		
		Current Year Cumulative Count		
		0 0		
Provincial [*]	Total	0 0		



Report Id	Completed	Question		
84	True	State the total number of notices issued where there were cases of contraventions and/or non-compliance found with section 58 in this reporting period.		
		Current Year Cumulative Count		
		0 0		
Provincial ⁷	Γotal	0 0		
Comment:				
Report Id	Completed	Question		
85	True	State the total number of orders issued for contraventions and/or non-compliance found with section 57 in this reporting period.		
		Current Year Cumulative Count		
		0 0		
Provincial ⁷	Γotal	0 0		
Comment:				
Report Id	Completed	Question		
86	True	State the total number of orders issued for contraventions and/or non-compliance found with section 58 in this reporting period.		
		Current Year Cumulative Count		
		0 0		
Provincial ⁻	Γotal	0 0		
Comment:				



Report Id Completed Question

220 True

List the municipality(ies) (including upper-, lower-, and single-tier) within the source protection region/area that are required to complete Official Plan and Zoning by-law conformity exercises for source protection and indicate the status of those exercises for each listed municipality. *NOTE: Applies to every municipality affected by land use planning or Part IV type policies. Where the official plan and/or zoning by-law status for any particular municipality needs to be changed/updated, then please do so by deleting the entry for that particular municipality by clicking on the red "-" (minus) sign and then re-select the municipality name from the drop down list of municipalities followed by selecting the updated status of the conformity exercise for the official plan and zoning by-law from the drop down list for that particular municipality. After doing so, please be sure to add the municipality as your response by clicking on the green plus sign.

Municipality	Official Plan	Zoning By Law
Municipality of Thames Centre	Completed	Completed
Township of St. Clair	Completed	Completed
City of London	Completed	In Progress/Updates Underway
City of Stratford	Completed	In Progress/Updates Underway
Municipality of Lambton Shores	Completed	In Progress/Updates Underway
Municipality of Middlesex Centre	Completed	In Progress/Updates Underway
Essex, County of	Completed	Not Applicable
Lambton, County of	Completed	Not Applicable
Middlesex, County of	Completed	Not Applicable
City of Sarnia	In Progress/Updates Underway	In Progress/Updates Underway
Municipality of Chatham-Kent	In Progress/Updates Underway	In Progress/Updates Underway
Town of Lakeshore	In Progress/Updates Underway	In Progress/Updates Underway
Town of St. Marys	In Progress/Updates Underway	In Progress/Updates Underway
Oxford, County of	In Progress/Updates Underway	Not Applicable
Perth, County of	In Progress/Updates Underway	Not Applicable
Municipality of Leamington	In Progress/Updates Underway	Not Started
Town of Plympton-Wyoming	In Progress/Updates Underway	Not Started
City of Woodstock	Not Applicable	In Progress/Updates Underway
Town of Ingersoll	Not Applicable	In Progress/Updates Underway
Township of East Zorra-Tavistock	Not Applicable	In Progress/Updates Underway
Township of Norwich	Not Applicable	In Progress/Updates Underway

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In Progress/Updates Underway Not Applicable Township of South-West Oxford Township of Zorra Not Applicable In Progress/Updates Underway Not Applicable Municipality of West Perth Not Started Not Applicable Township of Perth East Not Started Township of Perth South Not Applicable Not Started Village of Point Edward Not Started Not Started

Comment:

Report Id Completed Question

240 True State the number of source water protection signs installed on provincial highways in the source protection

region/area in this reporting period.

Current Year Cumulative Count

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Comment:

Report Id Completed Question

241 True State the number of source water protection signs installed on municipal roads in the source protection region/area

in this reporting period.

Current Year Cumulative Count

	0	153
Provincial Total	0	153

Comment:

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Report Id	Completed C	uestion	
242		tate the number of source water protection signs installed at other locations (if applicable) in the source rotection region/area in this reporting period.	
		Current Year Cumulative Count	
		0 4	
Provincial	Total	0 4	
Comment:			
Report Id	Completed	Question	ategory
260 Answer:	True	Ontario Building Code (i.e., identified as significant drinking water threat) once every five years? The inspection S	ewage ystem nspections
Comment:			
Report Id	Completed C	uestion	
261	True C	f those requiring inspections, how many on-site sewage systems were inspected in the previous calendar year?	
		Current Year Cumulative Count	
		2 176	
Provincial [*]	Total	2 176	
Comment:			

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Report Id	Completed	Question	
262	True	If not all required on-site sewage systems were inspected, please indicate why they were not all inspected from among the options below:	
Response			Answer
on-site sew	age system(s)	is newly constructed and therefore not captured in the first round of inspections	Yes
landowner r	efused entry, o	compliance order being sought	Yes
municipality	has not yet ini	itiated inspection program	Yes
other. Pleas	se specify in the	e comment box below.	Yes
Comment:	Inspections	in some municipalities were all completed in previous years, and the next round of inspections has not yet begun.	

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Report Id	Completed	Question	
263	True	How many of the on-site sewage systems inspected required reporting period?	I minor maintenance work (e.g., pump out, etc.) in this
		Current Year	Cumulative Count
		0	20
Provincial	Total	0	20
Comment:			
Report Id	Completed	Question	
264	True	How many of the on-site sewage systems inspected required etc.) in this reporting period?	I major maintenance work (e.g., tank replacement,
		Current Year	Cumulative Count
		Current Year	Cumulative Count 3
Provincial	Total	Current Year 1	

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Report Id Completed Question

270 True

Complete the information below regarding environmental monitoring of drinking water issues identified in accordance with the Technical Rules within your source protection region/area. Under "Drinking Water System", only the names of the drinking water system(s) are listed from which to choose. If specific wells or surface water intakes are impacted, please note these in the comments field. Optional: Describe the actions or behavioural changes in the issue contributing area that might be contributing to changes in observations in the Comments field for each applicable system. If this reportable is not applicable to your source protection region/area, please indicate as such by choosing "No system with issues," "No issue," "Not applicable," and "No observation," respectively, under the drop down menu options under each of the four categories of this reportable. Where the drinking water issue, delineation status, or observation of any previously listed drinking water system needs to be changed/updated, then please do so by deleting the entry for that particular drinking water system from the dropdown list of drinking water systems followed by selecting the drinking water issue, its delineation status, and the observation from the dropdown list for that particular drinking water system. After doing so, please be sure to add the drinking water system as your response by clicking on the green plus sign on the right side of the entry. Do not leave blank.

DWIS Number	DWIS Name	Issue	ICA Delinated	Observation
220003332	Wheatley system	Microsystin LR	No	No Change in Concentration / Trend
220003378	Chatham/South Chatham-Kent System	Microsystin LR	No	No Change in Concentration / Trend
220003341	Wallaceburg System	Nitrate	No	No Longer Monitoring - issue improved
220000709	Woodstock Well Supply	Nitrogen	Yes	Not Enough Data
220000709	Woodstock Well Supply	Nitrogen	No	Not Enough Data

Comment:

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_	Report Id	Completed	Question
	280	True	How many notices about transport pathways (meaning a condition of land resulting from human activity (e.g., pits and quarries, improperly abandoned wells, geothermal system, etc.) that increases the vulnerability of a raw water supply of a drinking water system) did the source protection authority receive from municipalities in this reporting

period (as per O. Reg. 287/07, ss. 27(3))?

Current Year Cumulative Count

	0	1	
Provincial Total	0	1	
Comment:			

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Report Id	Completed	Question	
281	True	Where transport pathway notices were received, indicate the action(s) taken by the source protection region/area in response to receiving these notices:	
Response			Answer
Provided in	formation to m	unicipalities about changes in vulnerability	No
Provided no	otice to Source	Protection Committee for information	No
Situation co	ntinues to be r	monitored	No
Comment:			

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Report Id	Completed	Question	
300	True	[OPTIONAL]: If and where there are successful examples for each of the following initiatives in the source protection region/area (including from local municipalities, residents and businesses) that occurred in this reporting period that the authority wishes to highlight, then please indicate in the Comments field below. In your comments, please include details for each of the selected topics. Please limit the descriptions provided (e.g., one example for each topic or more could be included when the source protection authority feels they are exceptional/quite successful).	
Response			Answer
Education a etc.)	and Outreach (i	in description include details, if available, on type and percentage of target population reached, outcome(s) achieved,	Yes
	in description i	nclude details, if available, on outcome(s) achieved, how widely available was the incentive, etc.)	No
Stewardshi	p Programs		No
Best Manag	gement Practic	es	Yes
Pilot Progra	ams		No
Research			Yes
		salt management, municipal by-laws, legislative or regulatory amendments, mapping, review of fuel codes, new airport on manage runoff of chemicals from de-icing of aircraft, instrumentation, etc.)	Yes
Climate Ch	ange (e.g., data	a collection)	Yes
Spill prever	ntion/spill contir	ngency/emergency response plan updates	Yes
Transport p	athways		Yes
Water quar	ntity		No
Great Lake	s		Yes
Other polici	es (i.e., strateg	gic action, etc.)	Yes

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Comment:

Education and Outreach (Leamington): Discussions with greenhouse developers regarding source protection planning is taking place during the preliminary site plan review/approval process.

Education and Outreach (Middlesex Centre): Mailing in fall 2020 outlining source protection area info and advising of septic inspections in 2021.

Specify Action (Plympton-Wyoming): Application of Salt Sand is Tracked yearly by staff utilizing a events calendar along with purchasing receipts and calibration of equipment.

Spill Prevention (Plympton-Wyoming): Spill kits are on hand to apply if needed. Emergency calls to SAC and to local contractors for clean up measures.

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Report Id Completed Question

305 True

Complete the table below with the count data for each significant drinking water threat activity/local threat activity/condition being engaged in (i.e., enumerated as 'existing' significant threats) at the time of source protection plan approval or approval of amendments that include new / changing protection zones. Please use the best available information/desktop exercises, reports from Risk Management Officials, and other implementing bodies to provide the counts below. For convenience, the count data from the previous reporting year have been copied over for the current reporting year, but please be sure to review, edit, and confirm the counts for accuracy in the table below. *NOTE: SPAs are strongly encouraged to refer to the Guidance document for additional details and instructions on completing this table.

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ThreatId	Threat	Α	В	С	D
1	The establishment, operation or maintenance of a waste disposal site within the meaning of Part V of the Environmental Protection Act.	35	1	17	9
2	The establishment, operation or maintenance of a system that collects, stores, transmits, treats or disposes of sewage.	269	0	46	104
3	The application of agricultural source material to land.	87	0	12	39
4	The storage of agricultural source material.	12	2	3	6
5	The management of agricultural source material.	0	0	0	0
6	The application of non-agricultural source material to land.	34	0	10	4
7	The handling and storage of non-agricultural source material.	0	0	0	0
8	The application of commercial fertilizer to land.	57	5	20	18
9	The handling and storage of commercial fertilizer.	22	3	12	7
10	The application of pesticide to land.	60	0	18	11
11	The handling and storage of pesticide.	19	0	11	1
12	The application of road salt.	0	0	0	0

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13	The handling and storage of road salt.	0	0	0	0
14	The storage of snow.	2	0	2	0
15	The handling and storage of fuel.	91	6	52	14
16	The handling and storage of a dense non-aqueous phase liquid.	257	51	179	88
17	The handling and storage of an organic solvent.	35	4	21	14
18	The management of runoff that contains chemicals used in the de-icing of aircraft.	0	0	0	0
19	Water taking from an aquifer without returning the water to the same aquifer or surface water body	0	0	0	0
20	Reducing recharge of an aquifer	0	0	0	0
21	The use of land as livestock grazing or pasturing land, an outdoor confinement area or a farm-animal yard. O. Reg. 385/08, s. 3.	29	0	16	4
22	The establishment and operation of a liquid hydrocarbon pipeline	0	0	0	0
1000	Water conditioning salts from water softeners	0	0	0	0
1001	Transportation of specified substances along corridors	0	0	0	0
1002	Spill of Tritium from Nuclear Generating Station	0	0	0	0
1003	Handling storage of fuel	0	0	0	0
1004	Transportation, storage and handling of diesel/gasoline	0	0	0	0
1005	Transportation of Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Source Materials	0	0	0	0
1006	International Shipping Channel within IPZ2	0	0	0	0
1007	Transportation of hazardous substances along transportation corridors	0	0	0	0
1008	Transportation or Storage and Handling of Fuel in an Event Based Area	46	1	27	5



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1009	Waterfowl		0	0	0	
1010	Local conditi	on	0	0	0	
		Totals:	105 5	73	446	3
Commer	nt:		MECP Calc	D/(A+B-0	C):	0 %
Report Id	Completed	Question		Cate	gory	
310 Answer:	There Protec	Please provide comments below to explain the overall progress made in addressing these significand include the percentage of overall progress made within the comments provided. The percentage progress made in addressing local threats and conditions that are taking place on the landscape is by taking the total number in column D (i.e., significant drinking water threat addressed because progressing implemented) from the table in reportable ID 305 and dividing it by the number that is derived by a total numbers in columns A and B and then subtracting this sum total from the total in column C. I overall progress made = D/(A plus B minus C). If progress made is 48% were 1,055 threats included in the original enumeration and subsequently 73 new threats have been the progress of threats that are being managed.	age of overall is determined policy is adding the in other words	existi enum threa	nerated ts	
Comment:						
Report Id	Completed	Question		Cate	gory	i
320	True	If applicable to the assessment report in your source protection region/area, provide a summary of to further assess or implement the plans of work described in technical rule 30.1: Water Budget T included in your original assessment report(s).		repor	ssment t nation	
Answer:	N/A			gaps		
Comment:						

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Report Id	Completed	Question	Category
321	True	If applicable to the assessment report in your source protection region/area, provide a summary of steps taken to further assess or implement the plans of work described in technical rule 50.1: GUDI for WHPA-E or F not included in your original assessment report(s).	Assessment report information gaps
Answer:	N/A		gaps
Comment:			
Report Id	Completed	Question	Category
322	True	If applicable to the assessment report in your source protection region/area, provide a summary of steps taken to further assess or implement the plans of work described in technical rule 116: Issue Contributing Area not included in your original assessment report(s).	Assessment report information
Answer:	N/A		gaps
Comment:			
Report Id	Completed	Question	Category
330	True	Does the source protection authority have any other item(s) on which it wishes to report? If so, please explain.	Other reporting items
Answer:	No oth	ner items to report on.	items
Comment:			

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Report Id	Completed	Question	Category
340	True	What positive outcomes (e.g., less water consumption, changes in behaviour, reduction in phosphorus and nitrogen concentrations, less chloride from road salt, reduction in algal blooms, human health protected, etc.), if any, have potentially resulted from the implementation of source protection plan policies? Please describe the outcomes below.	Source protection outcomes
Answer:	Here are some comments from our municipalities: Lambton County: Public and business community awareness of the existence of drinking water threats. Protection of human health. City of London: Our ongoing Water conservation program has reduced consumption and increased awareness of our source of drinking water.		
		d County: Changes in behaviour has been noted. More people are aware of the Source Protection program and les ing up site visits.	s apprehensive
		air Township: Increase in general public and public sector awareness of source protection. Incorporation of source p works regular business practices. New industry is being reviewed with a source protection lens to include spills pre ng.	
Comment:			

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Report Id	Completed	Question		
350	True	In the opinion of the Source Protection Committee, to what extent have the objectives of the source protection plan been achieved in this reporting period?		
Response			Answer	
Progressing	g Well/On Targ	et - The majority of the source protection plan policies have been implemented and/or are progressing well	Yes	
Satisfactory	/ - Some of the	source protection plan policies have been implemented and/or are progressing well	No	
Limited Pro	gress made - A	A few of the source protection plan policies have been implemented and/or are progressing well	No	
Comment:				

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Report Id	Completed	Question	Category
351	True	Please provide comments to explain how the Source Protection Committee arrived at its opinion. Include a summary of any discussions that might have been had amongst the Source Protection Committee members, especially where no consensus was reached.	Achievement of source protection plan objectives
Answer:	Objectives December 31st, 2020 marked five years since our Source Protection Plan first took effect. In that time significant progress has been made to implement the policies contained in the plan, and address the activities that were identified as posing a risk to our municipal drinking water supplies. To date, 80% of the policies in the plan that address significant drinking water threats have been fully implemented, with the remaining 20% progressing well. That being said, 2020 was a difficult year for everyone due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and for those working in source protection, it was no exception. Risk Management Officials and Inspectors throughout the region put a pause on all site visits for most of the spring of 2020, with mostly outdoor-only visits eventually resuming over the summer months. Most Risk Management Officials and Inspectors have reported that it has been a challenging time to try and engage people to negotiate risk management plans, with many businesses just focused on saving or maintaining their operations. Risk Management Officials understood those challenges, and continued their efforts to ensure that municipal drinking water supplies were protected without creating undue hardships for businesses. An additional six Risk Management Plans were established over the reporting period bringing the Region's total Risk Management Plans to 62. Approximately 48% of the 1055 originally identified significant drinking water threats have been successfully managed or eliminated. While there is still a considerable amount of work to do to address the remaining threats, the Thames-Sydenham and Region Source		ss has been ur municipal n fully protection, it t of the spring of d Inspectors ny businesses ntinued their An additional ans to 62. r eliminated. egion Source
		ction Committee is pleased to see that policy implementation is moving steadily forward. For that reason, they belic g score of progressing well and on target is a fair assessment on our implementation progress.	eve that a
Comment:			

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Implementation Status - Significant Legally Binding Policies

Implementation Status Category	Count of Plan Policies	Percent of Plan Policies	
Implemented	329	80 %	
In progress/some progress made	64	16 %	
No response required/not applicable	16	4 %	
TOTAL	409	100 %	

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Implementation Status - Significant Non Legally Binding Policies

Implementation Status Category	Policies	Percent of Plan Policies	
Implemented	58	84 %	
No response required/not applicable	11	16 %	
TOTAL	69	100 %	

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Implementation Status - Moderate/Low Policies

Implementation Status Category	Count of Plan Policies	Percent of Plan Policies	
Implemented	110	81 %	
In progress/some progress made	26	19 %	
TOTAL	136	100 %	

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Count of Plan

Percent of Plan

Implementation Status - Non-threat specific policies

Implementation Status Category	Policies	Policies
Implemented	40	67 %
In progress/some progress made	18	30 %
No response required/not applicable	2	3 %
TOTAL	60	100 %

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