

Notice of Minor Amendment Inspection

UPPER MATTAGAMI HYDROELECTRIC REDEVELOPMENTS

WATER LEVELS UPSTREAM OF LOWER STURGEON GENERATING STATION

This Notice is issued to notify the general public of a minor amendment, on a temporary basis to the Mattagami River System Water Management Plan (Plan) under Section 23(1) of the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act (LRIA)* to allow for water levels upstream of the Lower Sturgeon Generating Station (GS) remain below the approved summer levels identified in the Plan. The minor amendment is being proposed by Ontario Power Generation Inc. (OPG) to enable maintenance work on the spillway of the Lower Sturgeon GS.

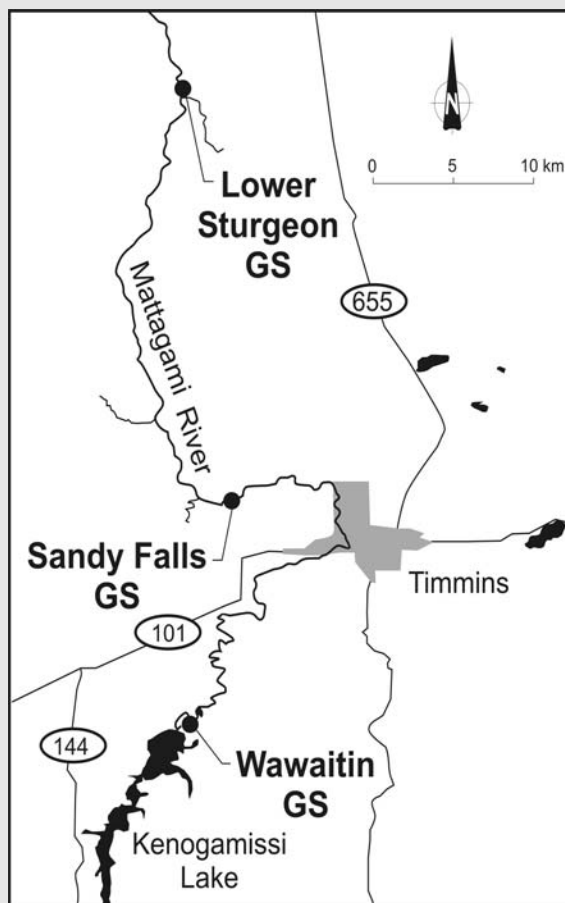
Lower Sturgeon GS is located approximately 48 km north of Timmins, Ontario, outside of the municipal boundaries of Timmins, and approximately 30 km downstream of Sandy Falls GS (see Map).

The minor amendment will enable OPG to lower the approved minimum upstream water elevation of Lower Sturgeon GS from 257.70m to 256.47m from 1 July 2010 to 31 August 2010. OPG developed the spillway maintenance work plans that will be enabled by the minor amendment in consultation with the MNR. The *LRIA* requires compliance by facility operators with the operating regimes (required flows) established in the Water Management Plans and a compliance monitoring program has been established.

The maintenance of water levels below the approved summer levels is required to facilitate the 31 August 2010 completion of the refurbishment of Lower Sturgeon's existing spillway piers. The activities associated with the spillway pier refurbishment include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Removal of deteriorated concrete and steel nosings from selected piers to a minimum elevation of 257.70 m.
- 2) Replacement of same with reinforced concrete and protective steel angle on the pier noses.

The work for the spillway pier refurbishment is being undertaken by OPG in support of the overall Lower Sturgeon GS redevelopment activities for the Upper Mattagami Redevelopment Project which also includes the redevelopment of Sandy Falls GS and Wawaitin GS.



The proposed minor amendment will be approved by July 3, 2010 unless concerns are raised. Should concerns be raised, further consultation may be required. The MNR Regional Director will take into account public comments in making a final decision on this amendment.

Any comments or questions related to this Notice or the information contained herein may be directed to the following:

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