

## Submission to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Submitted by: Ice River Sustainable Solutions

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Thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts on the proposed changes to the Ontario Water Resources Act, R.S.O. 1990.

Ice River Sustainable Solutions is an Ontario-owned and operated company with a strong track record in environmental responsibility. We take pride in operating sustainably and in compliance with all provincial regulations, including when it comes to water use.

We welcome the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' proposed changes to the Permit to Take Water (PTTW) process and support regulatory updates that strike a thoughtful balance between environmental protection and the needs of local businesses.

We believe the proposed updates offer a simpler and more efficient path for businesses to maintain the use of existing permits, without compromising the province's strong environmental standards. This kind of change is especially important for business continuity as companies like ours rely on these permits to manage day-to-day operations, plan ahead, and deliver goods and services across Ontario. It also gives workers greater certainty and job security.

We see these changes as a responsible and practical improvement to Ontario's permitting framework. We encourage the Ministry to continue working with businesses and stakeholders to modernize water policy in a way that safeguards our natural resources while supporting local investment, growth, and employment.

At Ice River Sustainable Solutions, we remain committed to responsible water use and supporting the communities we proudly serve.