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*\* This email is being sent on behalf of Jennifer Keyes, Director, Resources Planning and Development Policy Branch \**

Good afternoon:

I am writing to you today to notify you of a regulation proposal that is available for public comment on the Environment Registry of Ontario at posting [#019-8320](#).

Sections of the *Conservation Authorities Act* coming into effect on April 1, 2024 include provisions enabling the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry (the Minister) to i) issue an order to prevent a conservation authority from issuing a permit and decide on a permit application in the place of the conservation authority, and ii) to review a conservation authority permit decision at the request of an applicant.

This proposed regulation would set out the limited circumstances under which the Minister may use these powers as circumstances where the proposed development activity or other activity pertains to specified matters of provincial interest. Additionally, it proposes a transparent process for individuals to request the use of these powers and sets out the information that would be submitted to the Minister as part of such a request.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry at [ca.office@ontario.ca](mailto:ca.office@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

Jennifer Keyes  
Director, Resources Planning and Development Policy Branch  
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry



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