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June 1, 2011 – Toronto – The Ontario Waterpower Association (OWA) is pleased to announce the publication of the “[Practitioner's Guide to Federal Requirements for Waterpower Development Environmental Assessment Processes in Ontario](#)”, an initiative undertaken in partnership with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO).

“Ontario’s waterpower industry is committed to environmentally responsible development”, said Paul Norris, OWA President. “This Practitioner’s Guide ensures that we are using the most up-to-date information as the province continues to increase the amount of electricity generated by affordable, reliable waterpower.”

The Practitioner’s Guide details the unique requirements of federal legislation, regulation and policy to waterpower projects in a framework designed to integrate these requirements with the OWA’s Class Environmental Assessment. The Guide can be downloaded at www.owa.ca.

“The federal government in general and DFO in particular has shown strong leadership in collaborating with our Association”, added Norris. “I look forward to continuing our positive and productive relationship.”

Made in Ontario waterpower is the most cost-effective, reliable and durable source of electricity. Today, waterpower accounts for more than one quarter of Ontario’s energy mix. It is of critical importance in responding to daily and weekly changes in demand. More than 5,000 MW of untapped waterpower potential has been identified in Ontario. For more information, contact Paul Norris, OWA President at 705-743-1500

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