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Waterpower advances environmental best practices

New construction guidelines under development

April 06, 2011 – Toronto – The Ontario Waterpower Association (OWA) is pleased to announce that a joint venture between Genivar and Natural Resource Solutions Inc. has been awarded a contract to develop the “Best Management Practices for Waterpower Facility Construction (BMP)”. This project is again being pursued as a partnership between the industry and the federal and provincial governments.

“Increasing waterpower production is critical to keeping Ontario’s electricity prices affordable” said Paul Norris, OWA President. “The preparation of these guidelines, in collaboration with key federal and provincial agencies, is another step forward in realizing waterpower’s potential.”

“This is another example of my ministry working closely with industry to promote environmentally responsible renewable energy development. We are pleased to contribute technical expertise and financial assistance to this partnership based project which supports the government’s *Green Energy Act* objectives,” said Natural Resources Minister Linda Jeffrey.

Waterpower development in Ontario is subject to the requirements of the “Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects”, approved by the Minister of Environment in October 2008. The OWA has published a series of supporting Best Management Practices in support of the Class EA.

“We look forward to working to advance the state of practice through this initiative”, added Harvey Walsh, Genivar’s Project Manager for the BMP. “While we have been producing renewable energy from waterpower for more than a century, new knowledge and information continues to create opportunities for improvement in the industry.”

Made in Ontario waterpower is renewable, reliable and durable and 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 economic waterpower potential has been identified in Ontario. The Ontario Waterpower Association was formed in May 2001 and represents more than 95% of Ontario waterpower producers. For more information, contact Paul Norris, OWA President at 866-743-1500