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**MEMORANDUM FROM DR. ROBERT KYLE, COMMISSIONER &  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, DATED MAY 12, 2005 RE: SAFE  
AND RELIABLE SOURCES OF DRINKING WATER – Our File: E02-01**

Premier McGuinty, the Health and Social Services Committee of  
Regional Council considered the above matter and at a meeting held on  
May 25, 2005, Council adopted the following recommendations of the  
Committee:

- "a) THAT the following resolution of the Board of Health for the Sudbury  
& District Health Unit regarding safe and reliable sources of drinking  
water be endorsed:
- i) WHEREAS it is recognized by all levels of government that  
safe and reliable sources of drinking water are essential to the  
well being of the communities that we serve;
  - ii) WHEREAS in Part Two of the Report of the Walkerton Inquiry,  
Commissioner Dennis O'Connor recommended that the  
Ontario government enact a Safe Drinking Water Act to deal  
with matters related to the treatment and distribution of drinking  
water;
  - iii) WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 170/03 made under the Safe  
Drinking Water Act, 2002 addresses responsibilities related to  
safe drinking water;
  - iv) WHEREAS drinking water system owners and operators are  
required under Regulation 170/03 to ensure that their drinking  
water systems meet prescribed drinking-water quality  
standards, are operated in accordance with the Act and  
regulations and are kept in a good state of repair, are  
appropriately staffed and supervised and that all sampling,  
testing and monitoring and reporting requirements are  
complied with;

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- v) WHEREAS complying with Regulation 170/03 creates a significant resource and financial burden;
  - vi) WHEREAS many owners and operators of regulated water systems are challenged to meet the demands of the legislation and are struggling with continuing operation of drinking water systems;
  - vii) WHEREAS enforcement of the legislation is an essential and critical component to the provision of safe drinking water;
  - viii) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Sudbury & District Board of Health requests the Government of Ontario seek mechanisms to financially support owners, operators and regulators of regulated water systems to ensure initial and continued compliance with Regulation 170/03;
  - ix) AND FURTHER THAT this Board of Health requests other Ontario Boards of Health and municipalities to advocate for similar funding; and
- b) THAT the Premier of Ontario, Minister of the Environment, Durham's M.P.P.s, Chief Medical Officer of Health, alPHa and all Ontario boards of health be advised."



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- c:
- The Honourable Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of Environment
  - Mr. Wayne Arthurs, MPP (Pickering/Ajax/Uxbridge)
  - Mr. Jim Flaherty, MPP (Whitby/Ajax)
  - Mr. John O'Toole, MPP (Durham)
  - Mr. Jerry Ouellette, MPP (Oshawa)
  - Ms. Laurie Scott, MPP (Haliburton/Victoria/Brock)
  - Dr. Sheila Basrur, Chief Medical Officer of Health and Long-Term Care and Assistant Deputy Minister
  - ✓ Ms. L. Stewart, Executive Director, Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa)
  - Ontario Boards of Health
  - Dr. R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health