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## **WATER LEVELS CAN RISE QUICKLY AND WITHOUT WARNING** ***Significant rainfall expected in many parts of Ontario***

**Toronto** – Large amounts of rainfall are expected across the province as Ontario braces for a fall storm. Ontario Power Generation (OPG) wants people to be extremely careful around Ontario waterways this week, particularly on rivers and lakes near hydroelectric stations and dams.

“We use the power of water to generate clean, reliable electricity, but this rain could result in higher than normal water levels,” says Mike Martelli, OPG’s Senior Vice President of Hydro Thermal Operations. “Swollen streams, soaked river banks and swift currents are hazardous if you venture too close. The waters near hydroelectric stations can be particularly dangerous. Stay clear, stay safe.”

OPG operates 65 hydroelectric stations and 240 dams across Ontario. People who trespass on OPG property are putting themselves in harm’s way and breaking the law. They can be charged with trespassing.

“Despite our province-wide public safety campaign and clear signage around our sites, there are still people who ignore the warnings,” added Martelli. “Please obey our signs, and respect the fences, booms and barriers near our facilities. They’re there to help protect you.”

OPG provides over half of the electricity used by Ontario homes and businesses, and 99.7 percent of our power is free of smog or greenhouse gas emissions. We’re dedicated to making sure our generating stations continue to provide clean, reliable power at about half the cost of other generators.

You can learn more about safety around OPG dams by visiting [www.stayclearstaysafe.ca](http://www.stayclearstaysafe.ca) and [opg.com](http://opg.com).

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