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STAY CLEAR, STAY SAFE VICTORIA DAY WEEKEND Obey all signs, booms, buoys and fences

Toronto – Ontario Power Generation (OPG) is advising people to stay clear of hydroelectric dams and generating stations this Victoria Day weekend, and throughout the year.

“Ontario Power Generation produces clean reliable power, but water around our dams and hydroelectric stations can turn dangerous quickly and without warning,” says Mike Martelli, OPG’s Senior Vice President of Hydro Thermal Operations. “So please obey all signs, booms, buoys and fences.”

Many hydroelectric facilities are remotely controlled to generate electricity as needed. This causes frequent and rapid changes in the water flow and levels, often creating strong undertows, turbulence and sudden, powerful surges of water moving downstream in what was once calm-looking surface water.

“Victoria Day weekend is the unofficial start to summer. Please make it a safe one and Stay Clear, Stay Safe,” added Martelli.

To learn more about safety around dams and hydroelectric stations, please visit www.stayclearstaysafe.ca.

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