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## **STAY CLEAR, STAY SAFE BE MINDFUL OF WATER SAFETY THIS MARCH BREAK**

Toronto – Ontario Power Generation (OPG) is reminding everyone to take extra caution near waterways and hydroelectric facilities as we head into March Break.

“While we have eagerly awaited longer days and warmer weather, this season also brings melting ice and rain that can make rivers and lakes more dangerous than normal,” said Mike Martelli, Senior Vice President of OPG’s Hydro-Thermal Operations group.

On some lakes and rivers, hydroelectric stations can also affect flows and ice conditions. Water flows can change quickly resulting in dangerously thin ice.

“Each spring water levels and flows in lakes and rivers increase as rain falls and ice melts,” Martelli went on to say. “Parents and caregivers should talk to children about the dangers of the areas near hydro stations and dams and convey the *Stay Clear, Stay Safe* message.”

Please obey the warning signs, and respect fences, booms and barriers. They are there for your safety.

Make sure your March Break is a safe one. To learn more about water safety, please visit [www.opg.com/watersafety](http://www.opg.com/watersafety) and [www.stayclearstaysafe.ca](http://www.stayclearstaysafe.ca)

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