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STAY CLEAR, STAY SAFE BE MINDFUL OF WATER SAFETY THIS LABOUR DAY WEEKEND

Toronto – Ontario Power Generation (OPG) is urging the public to exercise extreme caution around waterways, and to be mindful of water safety especially near or around hydroelectric stations and dams.

“Stay clear, stay safe is a simple message,” says Mike Martelli, OPG’s Senior Vice President of Hydro-Thermal Operations. “Ontario’s lakes and rivers are popular holiday weekend destinations but people need to keep themselves and their families safe by paying attention to the warnings signs, fences and booms around hydroelectric stations.”

Most hydroelectric facilities are controlled remotely by operators located many kilometres away. As a result, dams can suddenly open at any time, creating rapid change to water levels and flows, while producing deadly undertows.

Additional water safety information can be found online at www.stayclearstaysafe.ca including links to OPG’s water safety partners – the Ontario Provincial Police, and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters.

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