



Nestlé Waters Canada Aberfoyle Permit Renewal Application

To our neighbours and the community:

As many of you know, Nestlé Waters Canada is applying to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment to renew our "Permit to take Water" from Aberfoyle Springs to supply our Aberfoyle bottling facility. This is a renewal of our existing Permit to take Water, which was issued in 2005. We have requested that the Permit be renewed for a five-year period at the same water volume as granted in our current Permit.

Questions have been raised by some citizens regarding this application. Some of the questions are related to local groundwater issues, while others involve the bottled water industry as a whole.

We understand that water issues are a key priority for area residents and municipalities. As an active member of this community, we want to assure you that we are listening and we acknowledge the need to share information and respond to your concerns.

As a first step, Nestlé has retained Gartner Lee Limited, a well-respected, locally-based firm that specializes in environmental science and water management. Gartner Lee will facilitate constructive community dialogue for questions related to our Permit application and our work in locating a back-up, secondary groundwater source. This secondary source will provide us with two possible extraction points that we will operate under the same total water permit limit.

Nestlé Waters Canada is committed to environmental excellence, sustainable water use and minimizing waste. Our comprehensive water monitoring program in Aberfoyle already exceeds the regulatory requirements set out in our Permit. Over the course of the two-year monitoring period, since the issuance of our current Permit, the results have indicated no adverse effects on local water supplies, on nearby wetlands or on water courses.

We have also made great strides in other areas by reducing our total raw material usage over the last five years by 30%. This year we are introducing a new bottle, "Eco-Shape", which reduces the plastic in our bottles by 15%. With this new bottle, we are proud to offer Canadians a bottled beverage that not only promotes their health, but one that has the lowest plastic packaging impact on our environment.

As part of the Nestlé Waters North America group of companies, Nestlé Waters Canada operates under a Good Neighbour Policy which governs all aspects of our environmental performance. You can learn more about this policy by visiting www.nestle-watersna.com and following the "Community Involvement" links.

We welcome your interest and involvement in our permit renewal application, and I invite you to send comments, questions or concerns to my direct attention at comments_for_the_president@waters.nestle.com. I will personally respond to all of your messages.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Gail Cosman
President
Nestlé Waters Canada