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## SNC's Water Response Team Shifts to Level 1 Low Water Condition

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On October 17, 2012, SNC's Water Response Team shifted from a Level 2 to Level 1 Low Water Condition for the South Nation Watershed.

In recent weeks, higher than normal precipitation has boosted stream flows in the Watershed; however, water levels remain below average for this time of year.

South Nation Conservation staff reviewed rainfall, streamflow, and water levels with the Water Response Team. Collectively, based on the information, the Team decided to lower the previously declared Level 2 low water condition to a Level I.

The Water Response Team, created under the Ontario Low Water Response program, includes representatives from: provincial and municipal governments, agriculture, business, and other special interest groups.

“The conditions merit leaving the Level 1 condition in place for the time being,” explains Jason Symington, Environmental Technologist explained. “By doing so, we encourage residents, businesses, and municipalities to continue voluntary conservation measures.”

A Level I Low Water Condition means that there is a potential for water supply problems. The WRT Team asks residents, businesses, and other industries throughout the watershed to continue to reduce their water consumption by at least 10% in to lessen the impacts of low water conditions.

SNC will monitor watershed conditions and provide updates as required. To assist in information collection, property owners, businesses, and industries are encouraged to contact SNC if they are experiencing any unusual water-related problems.

The South Nation River begins at its headwater streams near Brockville and gathers water from as far away as Maxville to the east, and the City of Ottawa to the west, before it empties into the Ottawa River near Plantagenet.

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