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Good Afternoon,

Today, the government released a draft technical bulletin on the Environmental Registry of Ontario to support municipalities and conservation authorities with flood hazard mapping activities. The "[ERO Posting #019-4706: Technical bulletin - Flooding hazards: data survey and mapping specifications](#)", would replace Chapter J of the existing "*River and Stream Systems: Flooding Hazard Limit*" technical guideline.

The technical bulletin is to be applied when delineating the flooding hazard through mapping new, or updating existing, maps. It is intended to assist technical personnel experienced in mapping and geomatics in undertaking flood hazard surveying and mapping in Ontario, and if accepted, will become the definitive source of flood hazard data, survey and mapping guidance for use in Ontario.

A critical step in protecting people and property from flooding starts with identifying where flooding is expected to occur. This is most often achieved through flood mapping Actions in [Protecting People and Property: Ontario's Flooding Strategy](#) commit the province to updating existing technical guidance used to support implementation of the natural hazard policies outlined within the proposed Provincial Planning Statement 2023. The MNRF is taking a multi-staged approach to updating its guidance.

Feedback on the draft technical bulletin will be accepted until September 5, 2023 through the Environmental Registry.

Sincerely,

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