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Conservation Authority**

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CRCA ISSUES FLOOD WATCH

Kingston – The Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) has issued a flood watch for the inland lakes and streams today.

The CRCA watersheds have received between 50 and 70 mm of rain over the last two days, which is about one month's worth of rain.

Streams are rising quickly, and are expected to reach the top of their banks today or tomorrow. Localized flooding is expected.

Inland lakes are rising rapidly, and are expected to reach the levels seen earlier this year. There is the potential for significant rain at the end of the week, which could push levels even higher.

Water managers are conducting operations to minimize effects.

Stream and river banks are slippery, water currents are strong, and the water itself remains dangerously cold. The CRCA is urging residents to exercise extra caution outdoors around lakes and streams, and to stay off the thinning ice cover and away from the cold, deep, fast flowing watercourses, as well as any dams. The dangers of drowning and hypothermia are heightened at this time of year because of the unpredictability of water flows, ice thickness and near-freezing temperatures.

This Watershed Conditions Statement will remain in effect until May 5, 2017.

Flood Watch: Flooding is possible in specific watercourse or municipalities. Municipalities, emergency services and individual landowners in flood-prone areas should prepare.

Flood Warning: Flooding is imminent or already occurring in specific watercourses or municipalities. Municipalities and individuals should take action to deal with flood conditions. This may include road closures and evacuations.

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