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**Cataraqui Region
Conservation Authority**

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**CRCA ISSUES AN UPDATED WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT
FLOOD OUTLOOK**

Kingston – The Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) has issued an updated Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Outlook today.

Most of the snowpack has melted, but the ground has only recently started to thaw, so the ability of the soil to infiltrate rainfall is still low.

The forecast for additional rainfall between Wednesday afternoon and Friday evening may exceed 40 mm. This could push creeks up this weekend to levels experienced last weekend, peaking Saturday or Sunday.

Widespread flooding is **NOT** expected as a result of the forecast. The higher creek levels may cause flooding of low lying areas.

Residents are asked to stay off of the thinning ice cover and away from the cold, deep, fast flowing watercourses and dams.

Some lakes continue to rise across the watershed. A specific statement will be issued today to address lakes where concerns exist.

This statement is valid until: April 17, 2015.

Newsrooms please note:

A watershed conditions statement is **NOT** a flood warning. Its purpose is to raise public awareness about a change or potential change in watershed conditions. See below for watershed conditions terminology:

Watershed Conditions Statement: general notice of weather conditions that could pose a risk to personal safety or which have the potential to lead to flooding. There are two variations of these:

- Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety: High flows, unsafe banks, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous for recreational users such as anglers, canoeists, hikers, children, pets, etc. Flooding is not expected.
- Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Outlook: Early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high wind or other conditions that could lead to high runoff, cause ice jams, lakeshore flooding or erosion.

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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