

Ontario Consultations

Key Discussion Points for Intra-Basin Diversions

1. What is an intra-basin transfer and where does that transfer occur?
 - Define the watershed boundaries;
 - Determine how to define and handle connecting channels; and
 - Consider transfers of sewage.

2. Establish baselines for
 - Water withdrawals
 - Consumptive use and
 - Transfers

3. Regional Review
 - Ministers permit threshold -stricter than the Agreement or not?

4. If there is a new or increased transfer above the threshold amount, how will the exception criteria be applied to
 - Return flow
 - Cumulative impacts
 - No feasible environmentally sound cost effective alternative
 - Efficient use of existing supplies
 - Water conservation

5. When should the exception criteria be applied?
 - Early in the planning process or at multiple points in the process
 - Municipal
 - Non municipal

6. Ensuring adequate public notification of applications

