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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – Water Safety

Date: January 12, 2017

To: All School Boards
All Municipalities
Police Services
MNR, Area, District and Provincial Response Centre
News media
Hamilton Region, Grand River, & Long Point Conservation Authorities

At present, the Niagara Peninsula and parts of Hamilton and Haldimand have received approximately 15 to 25mm of precipitation over the past 96 hours with the forecast calling for another 10mm to fall throughout the afternoon. This amount of rain combined with the saturated ground has resulted in higher than normal water levels and flows within the upper reaches of the Welland River, Twenty Mile Creek and smaller watercourses throughout the region. At present all watercourses are below critical thresholds and the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority does not expect any major flooding at this time. However, localized flooding typical of low lying areas may be experienced. Water level increases will depend on the amount of precipitation received over the next 24 hours. The NPCA will continue to monitor stream and weather conditions closely and will issue further messages as required.

Residents are urged to keep themselves, children and pets well away from streams and creeks as these watercourses will be hazardous. Drivers are reminded there is an increased risk of water over roads and should not drive through any flooded roadway, being particularly careful at night. Local municipalities are advised to check for debris and ice clogging culverts, catch basins, and other storm infrastructure.

Information on the Flood Status in the watershed and water levels within the streams can be found on the NPCA's website at <http://www.npca.ca/watershed-management/stream-flow-monitoring>

This notice is in effect until noon Friday, January 13th, 2017 and will be updated as required.

For the most up-to-date information, visit: <https://npca.ca/flood-status>

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