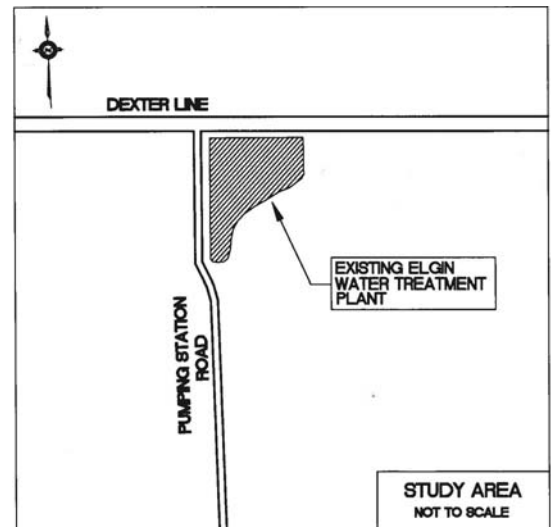


NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT
ELGIN WATER TREATMENT PLANT RESIDUALS MANAGEMENT FACILITY
MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Project

A Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study has been initiated for the Elgin Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Residuals Management Facility. The Elgin WTP is located in the Municipality of Central Elgin and provides municipal drinking water to the Cities of London and St. Thomas as well as several communities in the County of Elgin. The Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System is owned by a Joint Board of Management with the Corporation of the City of London acting in its' capacity as the administering municipality on their behalf.

At present, process wastewater from the filter backwash process at the Elgin WTP is discharged back into Lake Erie as part of the WTP's normal operation. The purpose of the proposed Residuals Management Facility is to treat the process wastewater from the treatment of drinking water to meet the requirements of the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) criteria prior to being discharged into Lake Erie. Disposal of the WTP's solids removed will also be examined as part of this project.



The Process

The study is being conducted in accordance with the requirements for a Schedule B project as described in the Municipal Engineers Association, Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (October 2000 as amended in 2007). The Municipal Class EA applies to public sector agencies that are undertaking common water, wastewater and road infrastructure projects. The Class EA process includes public and review agency consultation, an evaluation of alternatives, an assessment of the impacts of the proposed improvements, and identification of measures to mitigate any adverse impacts.

Comments

Public consultation is vital and key to the success of this study. We want to ensure that anyone interested in this study has the opportunity to get involved and provide input.

In the near future a project information package will be made available to review agencies and the public for review and comments. Notice of the project information package's availability will be by similar newspaper notice and to those on the project mailing list.

Should you have any questions or comments or wish to be added to the project mailing list please contact any one of the individuals listed below.

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