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WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT: Flood Outlook

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SOUTH NATION JURISDICTION – South Nation Conservation cautions that watercourses are expected to rise this week due to above-freezing temperatures and rainfall.

Environment Canada forecasts above-freezing temperatures of 2-15 °C from Wednesday, April 1 to next Friday, April 10 and approximately 5 to 10 mm rain for this week. The forecasted weather will cause the remaining snow to melt and runoff to watercourses, which will increase river levels and flows throughout the South Nation watershed. Ice covering water courses may become unstable due to increased water levels.

Severe flooding and ice jamming are not a concern at this time; however, nuisance flooding in low-lying areas may be observed. Furthermore, due to large ice and snow pack on the ground the potential for blocked storm drains, catch basins and culverts are very high which may also cause localized flooding.

Residents are advised to stay away from rivers as the forecasted weather may rapidly increase river flows, cause slippery river banks, and weaken ice cover. Parents are encouraged to explain these dangers to their children.

SNC staff will continue to monitor the water levels and weather forecasts as part of the Flood Forecasting and Warning program and will provide updates in the event conditions change.

This Watershed Conditions Statement will remain in effect until April 10, 2015.

SNC encourages the public to visit www.nation.on.ca and to also provide feedback with respect to changes in water related conditions in their local areas. All feedback can be sent to waterwatch@nation.on.ca; posted on our Facebook (/SouthNationConservation) or Tweet us your photos (@SouthNationCA). For additional information, please contact SNC at 1-877-984-2948.

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