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OPG REMINDS PARENTS TO STAY CLEAR! STAY SAFE! ON FAMILY DAY
Long weekend is excellent time to review water safety rules

Toronto—Ontario Power Generation (OPG) is reminding parents to Stay Clear! Stay Safe! this holiday weekend.

“Over the long weekend people may be out ice fishing, skiing or snowmobiling and it’s the perfect time for families to go over basic water safety rules,” said John Murphy, OPG’s Executive Vice President Hydro.

“A few simple precautions can prevent a major tragedy. At this time of year don’t walk onto a river or lake near dams and generating stations as the ice may be thin due to the current. Changing water levels can crack the ice, leaving it weak and unstable. People should always keep safety in mind any time they are on or near the water,” he added.

OPP Sergeant Michael Price said "Snowmobilers need to be aware that no ice is 100% safe. A minimum of 6 inches of clear, hard ice is needed to support a snowmobile. If you're on a snowmobile stay on clearly marked trails."

Murphy noted that OPG partners with organizations such as the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), and Boating Ontario to help deliver this strong safety message around the province.

OPG provides a variety of water safety materials, including a brochure and DVD at www.opg.com. The site also has award winning water safety public service announcements that were produced in conjunction with the OPP. These are also available on You Tube.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lyXQ4bag5ik>

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