

## HYDRO ONE EMF POSITION STATEMENT

Electric and magnetic fields (EMFs) are found everywhere electricity is used and come from home appliances, computers, office equipment, wiring in our homes and workplaces, and electric power facilities, such as substations, transmission lines and distribution lines.

For more than 30 years, research studies have examined the possibility that exposure to EMFs might affect health. Both national and international health agencies, including Health Canada and the World Health Organization, have concluded that the scientific research does not demonstrate that EMFs cause or contribute to adverse health effects. Some questions remain the subject of on-going research.

Hydro One recognizes that some members of the public continue to have concerns about EMF and we take seriously our responsibility to understand, appropriately address and communicate information on this issue.

Therefore, Hydro One will:

- ◆ Communicate balanced, accurate and timely information to our customers and employees, based on assessments of EMF research by national and international health agencies;
- ◆ Upon request, provide magnetic field measurements at no cost to direct customers of Hydro One and to landowners directly adjacent to Hydro One facilities;
- ◆ Monitor worldwide scientific research and regulatory requirements relating to EMF and make appropriate adjustments to our existing policies, programs and practices, if necessary;
- ◆ Work with employees and their representatives on occupational EMF issues/developments;
- ◆ Support collaborative research;
- ◆ Design, site and operate our facilities in accordance with all regulatory requirements; and
- ◆ Evaluate no/low cost measures to minimize EMFs when designing and siting new facilities, without compromising safety, performance, environmental and other siting criteria.

Electricity provides us all with many benefits and we depend on it every day for our personal safety and livelihood. EMFs are one of many issues Hydro One addresses as we continue to deliver electricity and energy services to our customers in a safe, socially responsible and cost-effective manner.

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