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Flood Advisory Update

Bulletin Number: 2009 Flood Event 1, Bulletin 12
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Highlights:

- Rainfall Warning continue western and southern portions of the watershed with 15 to 20mm forecast
- Water levels expected to rise

Current:

Floodplains remain saturated and continue to drain slowly. Localized flooding continues in a few, select locations on the lower portions of the Sydenham River and today's precipitation will likely increase water levels across the watershed moderately.

Forecast:

A Rainfall Warning continues for the Lambton and Chatham-Kent with forecast rain of 15-20 mm (0.6-0.8 inches) through Wednesday evening and continuing overnight. With the anticipated falling temperatures, the precipitation forecast through the rest of the week is expected to fall as snow.

The next few days:

With the forecast rainfall, water levels are expected to climb in all areas. The potential exists for levels to exceed top of bank conditions over the next few days and create localized flooding. Municipal officials and road superintendents should monitor local conditions.

Residents are reminded to avoid watercourses and flooded areas due to slippery banks and cold and swift moving water. Parents in particular are urged to keep their children away from floodplain areas.

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority will monitor the flood condition of the watersheds in the region and will provide warnings to municipal officials and media in the event conditions develop which could result in the potential of flooding.

Update: As required.
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Types of Flood Bulletins

- *Flood Monitoring/Safety Bulletins* are dual purpose in nature, with Monitoring Bulletins used to report on general watershed conditions to flood coordinators, and Safety Bulletins to remind the general public of general river safety issues.
- *Flood Advisory Bulletins* are issued when the potential for flooding exists in specific municipalities.
- *Flood Warning Bulletins* are issued after a forecast has been made and apply to specific flood damage centres where serious flooding appears inevitable.