

The unusual and erratic spring continues throughout the province. Near record rainfalls along with below normal temperatures in some regions has made turf recovery most difficult. Warmer temperatures finally arrived last week and recovery from a devastating winter has improved.

The Ministry of Environment has been conducting some inspections in Ontario. After emailing a colleague who was part of the inspection, here is a summary of the visit;

#### Permit to Take Water

- a) Hard copy correct and readily available.
- b) Confirmation of all recordings being completed as permit requires and current/up to date.
- c) Flow meter information (how many, unit of measure, maintenance, and locations).
- d) View of all meters, pump station and in our case, the three wells.

#### Pesticides

- a) Storage room, inventory, spill control/action plans, msds.
- b) Inventory/product waste? What? How? And When?
- c) Exterminators licenses; who and on site?
- d) Posting procedures.

#### Waste generation

- a) HWIN registration?
- b) Manifests kept for past two years?
- c) Are you removing all waste oil within 90 days of its generation? If not, are you informing the Ministry?

There will be more inspections occurring in the coming days and hopefully this will help with preparation.

Good luck again to all as we move into the summer months.

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