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Open Letter to the Community

On Wednesday, July 5th, there was a partial dam breach at the Twin Falls hydropower generating station. H2O Power acted swiftly in response and successfully reduced the leakage by a substantial amount. Our team is working diligently to fully seal the breach and we hope this will be completed in the near future.

We are relieved to report that no workers or members of the community were harmed as a result of the breach. Throughout this breach and partial repair period, the risk to the town and surrounding community has remained low. However, we recognize that we may have unexpectedly affected some residents with the rapid release of water, which was necessitated to stabilize the situation and prevent it from getting worse, protecting the safety of our workers and our local communities. H2O thanks you for your patience and understanding.

For intermittent periods of time, the partial breach did result in higher than seasonal water flows downriver. The water flows will return toward normal levels for the balance of the summer, and we continue to recommend caution while navigating the upstream waterways of the Abitibi River, Lake Abitibi and its tributaries. H2O Power is actively monitoring the situation to ensure continued safety.

We have maintained regular communication with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry in managing the breach. Additionally, we have actively engaged and provided updates to the community via our website at regular and frequent intervals.

H2O Power would like to express our sincere gratitude for the tremendous support we have received from the community during this time. We are appreciative that local stores remained open and the generous donations of food that were made to support the workers on-site during the first few days of the partial breach. We thank you!

To stay up to date on progress, you can read ongoing and regular updates on our website at <https://www.h2opower.com/news/>

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly. You can contact me directly at 416-505-8374 or email me at Stephen.Somerville@h2opower.com.

Thank you for your understanding of the situation.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Stephen Somerville'.

Stephen Somerville, Vice President, Regulatory and Stakeholder Relations, Canada – H2O Power