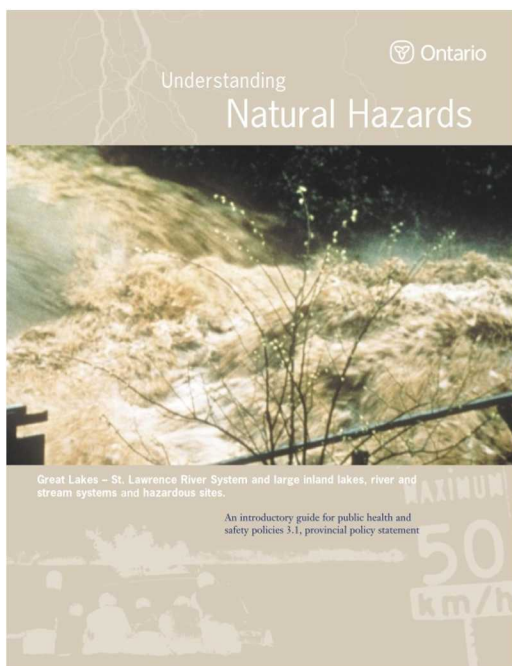


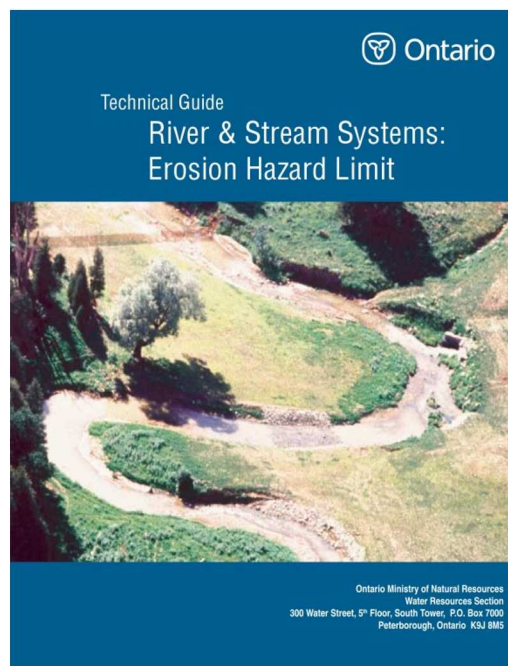
**RE: MNRF Technical Guidelines for Erosion Hazard Assessments**

The Province released its Flood Strategy in March 2020, which recommends further enhancement of natural hazard policies and updates to existing technical guidelines as part of the 2020 Provincial Policy Statement. With a mandate to protect the public and the environment by regulating geoscience practice in Ontario, PGO is a stakeholder in the development and maintenance of natural hazard policies. As such, a letter was developed in March 2020 by the Geomorphology Subcommittee and submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) in support of updating the erosion hazard guidelines as part of the Flood Strategy initiative. Erosion hazard assessment is still very relevant to geoscience practices in Ontario and it is important that the guidelines are updated to reflect current science and technology.

Two erosion hazard assessment technical guidelines play key roles in this area:



Understanding Natural Hazards (2001)



River & Stream Systems:  
Erosion Hazard Limit (2002)

These publications were prepared by MNRF as companion documents to the 2002 Flood Hazard Limit guidelines to assist the public and planning authorities, such as municipalities and conservation authorities, with an explanation of the Natural Hazards Policies (3.1) of the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) of the *Planning Act*, RSO 1990. After nearly two decades of service, these erosion hazard guidelines are recommended for updates to address: 1) specific technical issues; 2) general scientific advancement; and 3) guiding principles for policy application.

The PGO letter was followed by a meeting between Geomorphology Subcommittee members and the Director of Stakeholder Relations for the Minister of MNRF in April 2020, confirming support for the guideline updates. PGO will continue to engage with the Government on this initiative, including a meeting with MNRF staff planned for June 2020.