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Reminder of Increased Risk During Migratory Bird Season

It is now migratory bird season in the province, and we would like to remind licensees of their responsibility to follow waterfowl protection plans to protect migratory bird populations. During this period, the weather can cause birds to land unexpectedly and in places where they would not normally seek to rest. Licensees must adhere to their plans and ensure that all liquid impoundments within their facilities that could potentially have an adverse impact on migratory bird populations are covered.

Remember, the timing for migratory bird season can change annually depending on the weather, which may require licensees to extend their bird-deterrent programs past the previous or typical dates. We also remind licensees that certain attractants, such as vegetation around industrial ponds and ditches, can draw in wildlife, including waterfowl, and should be managed to mitigate impacts.

If you have any questions, contact our Customer Contact Centre by phone at 1-855-297-8311 or by email at <u>inquiries@aer.ca</u>.