

## OPWA Member Advisory

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### **New Regulations!**

## **Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plans**

January 3, 2012 – Toronto, ON. Ontario Regulation 397/11, *Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plans*, came into force on January 1, 2012. This regulation will affect prescribed public agencies, such as municipalities, who own or lease heated or cooled buildings or facilities. It will also apply to systems that treat or pump water or sewage but may exclude temporary use of emergency or back-up generators.

Public agencies will be required to submit energy conservation and demand management plans that include summaries of energy use and greenhouse gas emissions as well as descriptions of previous, present and future energy conservation measures. The reporting Energy Consumption and Greenhouse Gas Emission Template (Template) referenced in the regulation is currently under development. Preliminary information from the Ministry of Energy indicates that template contents will include energy type, purchased units of energy (KWh, litres), energy consumed, GHG emissions, GHG intensity (tonnes/year/sq.ft.) and energy intensity (eKw/year/sq.ft.).

On or before July 1, 2013, each prescribed public agency is required to submit and publish its Template. The first Template will overview operations conducted in 2011. Each year thereafter, updated Templates will be required.

On or before July 1, 2014, public agencies are required to publish an overview of their energy conservation and demand management measures. The required content is outlined in the regulations. Every fifth anniversary thereafter the overview must be updated.

Copies of the regulation are available from the Ministry of Energy or <http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca>.

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