

## ***Public Safety Notice – Spanish River System Operations***

February 12, 2026

### ***Temporary Water Level and Flow Management – Agnew Lake and Spanish River System***

We wish to inform you that Vale Base Metals is temporarily adjusting water levels and flows across the Spanish River system to support construction for the Nairn Falls Generating Station Spillway Replacement Project.

Residents should expect changing and potentially unsafe ice conditions, and **we recommend the removal of ice huts before March 1<sup>st</sup> and that motorized and recreational vehicles do not traverse iced lake areas after this time.**

- **Agnew Lake** is undergoing an accelerated drawdown, with a **temporary 0.65–ft rise** in water level expected in early March.
- **Ramsey Lake** (located near the watershed, not in central Sudbury) and **Biscotasing Lake** will have reduced openings beginning in March, causing water levels to rise by **up to 0.5 ft**.
- **Spanish River flows** upstream and downstream of Agnew Lake will decrease in early March.
- At **Nairn Falls**, the forebay will be drawn down by **approximately 5 ft** for two days in early March to safely complete the work.

All operations follow the [Spanish and Vermilion Rivers Water Management Plan](#) and dam safety regulations and are timed to ensure safe passage of spring freshet flows and protect fish spawning conditions.

Vale will provide updates if plans change, and residents may contact the **Vale Community Concerns Line (705-222-VALE)** or [Ontario.operations@vale.com](mailto:Ontario.operations@vale.com) for more information.

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