



5. SITE INVESTIGATION PURPOSE

This site investigation report was completed to analyze the accuracy of the determinations made in the records review. It is consistent with Section 26 of *Ontario Regulation 359/09*, which states that a person who proposes to engage in a renewable energy project shall ensure that a physical investigation of the air, land and water within 120 metres of the project location is conducted for the purpose of determining:

- Whether the results of the analysis summarized in the report prepared under subsection 25 (3) [Records Review Report] are correct or require correction, and identifying any required corrections;
- Whether any additional natural features exist, other than those that were identified in the report prepared under subsection 25 (3) [Records Review];
- The boundaries, located within 120 metres of the project location, of any natural feature that was identified in the records review or the site investigation; and,
- The distance from the project location to the boundaries [of the natural feature].

Species at Risk listed under the federal *Species at Risk Act* and provincial *Endangered Species Act, 2007*, with the potential to interact with the project location and/or adjacent lands, are being considered in consultation with the appropriate agency. Reporting related to the protection of Species at Risk is being provided to the appropriate agency under separate cover.

In addition, the MNR is responsible for administering approvals and permits related to certain resources and land uses. The applicability of these resources and land uses within the project location and adjacent areas will be outlined in a separate Approval and Permitting Requirements Documentation (APRD) being submitted to the MNR for parallel consideration with this Natural Heritage Assessment, as required. This reporting format meets the Natural Heritage Assessment requirements, as set out in *Ontario Regulation 359/09*, and is consistent with the direction provided by the MNR.