

We would like to thank all the communities who have faxed back their surveys, the response has provided some very clear indicators, for example few communities are able to maintain chlorine residuals in their distribution systems, and the survey results support SDWF scientists theory that few First Nation communities have water treatment systems which are capable of producing truly safe drinking water. Many communities have requested our help to draft BCR's – today we share with you two versions of BCRs which we feel all First Nations should implement one of them a.s.a.p.

As a result of the information we have shared with you the Advanced Aboriginal Water Treatment Team (AAWTT) were invited to present to the gathering of Grand Chiefs in Ft. Chipewan in late August, a gathering of over 400 Chiefs from across North America, which was simultaneously translated into four Aboriginal languages. From this presentation they were invited to present to the Ontario Chiefs gathering last week in Garden River Ontario. Howard Cardinal is an Elder from Saddle Lake Cree Nation who is terminally ill and the week prior he was hospitalized and we were afraid he would not walk out of the hospital. When invited to Ontario Chiefs he rallied his spirits and presented alongside Tony! Tony and Howard received a standing ovation for their presentation – AND a pipe ceremony AND a water song sung in their honor and in appreciation of the knowledge they shared! Yesterday we learned they have been invited to present in NWT November 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> and to return to ON again later in November. We are also pleased to tell you that AFN is now supporting their message and promoting their presentation.

We are making a difference – and we would not be in this position without your help, thanks so much for your support and guidance. Please remember:

**“Decisions you make today will determine your Destiny!”**

We encourage you to make a BCR to reject responsibility and liability for your community drinking water until such a time that your water treatment process can be guaranteed to consistently meet all parameters of the Canadian drinking water quality guidelines. If you would like electronic copies of these BCR's just email [info@safewater.porg](mailto:info@safewater.porg) with your request. If you have already returned the survey please do not return it again, but we would like to receive responses from all First Nations across Canada.