



FAX COVER

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Message :

Please take a look at the fact sheet that is found at the link in the following document as it provides excellent information regarding drinking water guidelines and regulations.

Please feel free to contact us at info@safewater.org or (306) 934-0389 if you have any questions or comments.

Are you concerned that your community does not have access to truly safe drinking water? That is water which meets or exceeds the most stringent of all International water quality standards – not just Canadian *guidelines*?

Don't you are entitled to truly safe drinking water? SDWF scientists estimate that over 90% of First Nation communities (and a similar % of rural communities) not only do not have access to safe drinking water, they do not have the ability to produce it with present water treatment systems. It is not good enough to measure just five of the 56 parameters in the Canadian *guidelines* – all 56 parameters need to be taken into consideration!

Do you fully understand the difference between *guidelines* and REGULATIONS? You are invited to visit: <http://www.safewater.org/PDFS/PurposeofDrinkingWaterQualityGuidelinesRegulations.pdf> to learn why we need NATIONAL REGULATIONS for water quality here in Canada. We look forward to helping you to reach this goal.

CALL TO ACTION FOR First Nations Drinking Water

Name of community: _____

I wish to remain anonymous Yes **or**

Contact person: _____

Water Treatment Plant Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____

What time would be best to call the contact person ? _____

Position: _____ Email: _____

Date: _____

1) Do you treat ground or surface water? _____

2) What treatment process do you use, can you describe it?

3) How much water do you treat per day? _____

4) Do you have support when problems arise? Yes or No please explain

5) Who do you answer to when there are problems? eg. a committee or Chief & Council

6) How many people do you service with water? _____

7) Do you have an adequate supply amount of water for your community? Yes or No

8) What are the total and free chlorine levels in your distributed water?

a) Does it vary within the same close range? _____

b) Free chlorine: _____

c) Total chlorine: _____

9) What are the chlorine residuals in the distribution system?

10) Have you had any boil water advisories? Yes or No

a) If yes why was it called? _____

b) How was it resolved? _____

c) How long did it last? _____

11) Do you measure turbidity? Yes or No

a) What are the average levels? _____

- 12) Do you drink your water? Yes or No
 a) If so how does it taste? _____
 b) Does it carry an odor? Explain if it does. _____
- 13) Does the raw water have any smell? _____
- 14) Do you have raw water data?

- 15) Do you have treated water data?

- 16) Are you willing to share some of the data with SDWF's Advanced Aboriginal Water Treatment Team (AAWTT)? _____
- 17) Do you want a scientist to have a look at the data and get back to you with his/her interpretation?
 Circle Yes or No
- 18) Do you have any health concerns for your community when it comes to the water?

- 19) Is there anyone from outside the community that tests your water? Circle Yes or No
 If so who? For example EHO, or water quality monitor.

Do you test your water on all the water quality parameters yearly? ie: iron, arsenic, etc.
 Circle Yes or No

If so are you willing to share your results with SDWF's AAWTT?
 Circle Yes or No

20) Do you know what your annual bill is for chemicals for your water treatment process
 \$ _____

21) How long has it been since INAC allocated any funding to improve or replace your water treatment plant? Please Circle
 Less than 5 years 5 – 10 years over 10 years

22) How much did INAC spend on your community water treatment? \$ _____

Any comments:

I have forwarded the information you have sent regarding First Nations Call to Action for Safe Drinking Water to our Chief and Council Yes or No