

August 31, 2007

To Whom it May Concern,

Re. Safe Drinking Water Foundation's request for support to develop a promotional video.

Alberta Research Council and Alberta Ingenuity Centre for Water Research are currently forming a partnership with Sue Peterson of the Safe Drinking Water Foundation (SDWF) to develop "Operation Groundwater," an educational program in a similar format to SDWF's existing educational programs (Operation Water Drop, Operation Water Flow, Operation Water Spirit, and the two new programs, Operation Water Pollution and Operation Water Health).

Like SDWF, we feel there is a great need for increasing our young people's awareness about water and water issues through a school program that is Canada-wide. Water affects and is affected by virtually every aspect of our daily lives, yet we know so little about source water protection, the amount of freshwater available in aquifers, or how best to manage and monitor industrial and domestic uses of water.

SDWF's development of an informational video for presentation at Science Teacher Conferences across Canada is an excellent way for the organization to show teachers that these materials are available for use in the classroom and laboratory. The programs SDWF has created, and Operation Groundwater, which we are developing together, are valuable tools that can enhance teachers' abilities to teach concepts already in their curriculum and to place these concepts in the context of current issues in their own communities.

Sincerely,



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