

# Safe Drinking Water Foundation Newsletter

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## Sponsors for School Education Kits Desperately Needed

Operation Water Drop (OWD) and Operation Water Pollution (OWP) kits are proving to be immensely popular with teachers and school division administrators this year. However, the current economic situation is proving to be difficult for the Safe Drinking Water Foundation (SDWF). Teachers across Canada are waiting for 1,436 sponsored kits! That is, for 214 Operation Water Pollution kits, 688 elementary Operation Water Drop kits and 534 high school Operation Water Drop kits to be sent to their schools. **Could you sponsor a kit or two for a school?** Organizations and individuals can sponsor kits to be sent to schools for a cost-recovery fee of \$120 per high school Operation Water Drop kit, \$60 per elementary Operation Water Drop kit and \$120 for an Operation Water Pollution kit. Donors can even designate specific areas or schools to which they would like to give kits. Please contact us if you would like to sponsor kits in order to help the leaders of tomorrow learn about drinking water issues.

Thanks to Green Street and the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation for sponsoring many education kits over the past few years as well as this year.



## Community Framework for Safe Drinking Water

The Safe Drinking Water Foundation (SDWF) is currently developing a Community Framework for Safe Drinking Water (CFSDW). This guide will give communities recommendations on how to conduct a “risk assessment” of their water quality needs and lead them to take appropriate steps to ensure they provide their communities with the highest possible quality of drinking water in the most sustainable manner. You could help this project move ahead at a much faster pace by joining other committed donors!

Thanks to the Catherine Donnelly Foundation for their support and to the Sapphire Group for committing to annual donations that will help the SDWF to develop and implement the Community Framework for Safe Drinking Water.



## Water Quality Workshops to be Held in Alberta

Water quality workshops will be presented by members of the Advanced Aboriginal Water Treatment Team (AAWTT). These workshops will be presented in Alberta in Spring 2010 and will contain information about protection of source water, conventional water treatment methods and biological water treatment methods. Visit [www.safewater.org](http://www.safewater.org) and/or e-mail [info@safewater.org](mailto:info@safewater.org) for more information about these upcoming workshops.

Thanks to Alberta EcoTrust for sponsoring the SDWF's workshops on surface water and ground water.



Additional sponsorships would enable the AAWTT to present similar workshops in other provinces.

## Donations and Memberships

Dr. Hans Peterson was instrumental in founding the SDWF and has volunteered as Executive Director for over 12 years. Due to serious health issues he is no longer able to continue his work with the SDWF and we ask all friends of the SDWF to make a donation, or to purchase a membership so that his important contribution can be continued by a Director of Science. Donors can choose to make one-time, monthly or annual donations. Memberships are valid for one year and allow the member to receive advice and information about water issues. Individual memberships cost \$20 and include one complimentary DVD of your choice, either "Downstream" or "Crapshoot"; a membership can be purchased for \$40 to receive both DVDs. Community and corporate memberships cost \$100 and include both DVDs. If corporations donate \$5,000 or more they will also receive recognition on our website. For more information please visit: <http://www.safewater.org/make-a-donation/membership.html>



Thanks to everyone who has become a member or made a donation!

Included with this newsletter is a form that you can complete and mail or fax in to make a donation or become a member. If you have any questions or would like to simply phone us and make a donation on a credit card please do not hesitate to call us at 306-934-0389. Thanks in advance!

## Webinars

The SDWF holds webinars in order to increase water quality knowledge via Water Quality Workshops online. We have held seven webinars which are available online for you to view free of charge at [www.safewater.org](http://www.safewater.org) (go to Webinars – Webinar Videos):

- 💧 **“Due Diligence”** presented by Tony Steinhauer, founding member of the AAWTT
- 💧 **“Biological Pre-treatment Avoids Biofouling of RO Membranes”** presented by Dr. Hans Peterson, founder and previous long-time Executive Director of the SDWF
- 💧 **“Why Biological Drinking Water Treatment is a Future Necessity”** presented by Dr. Hans Peterson
- 💧 **“George Gordon First Nation Water Stories”** presented by Bob Pratt, founding member of the AAWTT
- 💧 **“Tar Sands”** presented by Andrew Nikiforuk, author and journalist
- 💧 **“Tap Water Versus Bottled Water: Which is Better?”** presented by Nicole Biederbeck, Director of Education of the SDWF
- 💧 **“An Introduction to Risk Assessment and Management”** presented by Joel R. Nodelman, President and CEO of the engineering firm Nodelcorp Consulting Inc.

Over the next few months the following webinars will be held:

- 💧 **“SDWF School Programs, a Teacher Resource”** presented by Tracy Webb and Leo Elshof, a teacher and a professor on our board of directors
- 💧 **“Automated Water Treatment Plants”** presented by Kevin
- 💧 **“Water Quality and Health Issues”** presented by Dr. Marty Allen, Canadian Liaison for the Water Research Foundation
- 💧 **“Panel Discussion on Downstream documentary”** with Dr. John O’Connor (medical doctor who fought for those living and dying downstream from the oil sands), George Poitras and Andrew Nikiforuk to answer student questions after viewing the DVD “Downstream”
- 💧 **“Follow up to Joel Nodelman’s Introduction to Risk Assessment and Management”** geared to engineers and community leaders
- 💧 **“How to Make Videos About Environmental Issues”** with Jeff McKay (producer of Crapshoot), Adam Florizone and Nicole Biederbeck, to teach students how to make videos about environmental issues (water in particular) and upload them to a website

All you need to do to participate in our webinars is download “Java” software and have headphones or speakers. Having a microphone and/or a webcam can be helpful but is not necessary. In order to receive information about upcoming webinars please e-mail the following information to [info@safewater.org](mailto:info@safewater.org): Your name, your organization (if applicable), and the name of the city/town in which you live.

Thanks to the RBC Blue Water Project for sponsoring the SDWF’s webinars.



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