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Dr. Hans Peterson
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Dear Dr. Peterson:

On behalf of the Sustainable Agriculture Sector of Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development I would like to commend the efforts made by the Safe Drinking Water Foundation (SDWF) during its first year of operation.

There is presently a lot of attention being paid to the impact of rural practices, including agriculture, on water quality in the environment. While the efforts addressing this issue are important, an organization such as SDWF that specifically targets the impacts of poor water quality on the health of rural people is needed. Rural water use issues by rural residents and enterprise are real and this exposure helps all our efforts. Your enthusiasm for the issues and its science does not go unnoticed and benefits all of us. In particular, I would like to congratulate you on the SDWF website and newsletter for increasing the public's awareness of this important issue.

We wish the Safe Drinking Water Foundation continued success and look forward to working with you in the future



Les Lyster