

From the Tap: The Safe Drinking Water Foundation Newsletter

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From the Executive Director's Desk...

I definitely feel like this newsletter should be called the thank you edition instead of the Winter 2019 edition! We have so many people to thank! We are grateful for our funders and the opportunity they bring to students to learn about drinking water quality issues and solutions, for our volunteers, for staff members of other organizations with whom we collaborate, for members of the media who help us to get our message out, for individuals and organizations that fundraise for us, for teachers who use our educational programs with their students, for students and community members who participate in the student action projects, for the educators who purchase water testing kits to use with students, for the teachers who take the time to enter their students' Operation Water Drop results into our Operation Water Drop Test Results Submission Website, for the teachers who take the time to evaluate our educational programs, and for you for taking the time to learn about our organization and share information about our charity with others! Have a wonderful holiday season and all the best in the New Year!



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Request Sponsored Kits in Time for the Busy Spring Kit Season!

If you are interested in using water testing kits with your students please visit www.safewater.org/sponsored-kit-request-form and request sponsored kits!

Thank You to Gibson Energy!

Gibson Energy provided us with \$4,420 to send sponsored water testing kits to schools in Calgary, Edmonton, Edson, Grande Prairie, Lacombe, Rimbey, Rycroft and Wainwright.



Thank You to Dakota Dunes Community Development Corporation!

Thank you to Dakota Dunes Community Development Corporation for providing us with \$2,550 to send sponsored kits to schools in their catchment area.



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Follow us on Twitter [@SafeDrinkingWa1](https://twitter.com/SafeDrinkingWa1)!

Subscribe to our channel on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/c/SafeDrinkingWaterFoundation

Reminder to those Participating in the Student Action on Canadian Water Attitudes Competition

Final Reports for the Student Action on Canadian Water Attitudes Competition are due Friday, December 20! Find the Final Report form and more information here: www.safewater.org/student-action-competition

Thank You to All of Our Generous Donors!

You make it possible for us to continue to educate the leaders of today and tomorrow about drinking water quality issues and solutions! Thank you for doing one of the smartest things you can do to improve the drinking water quality situation in Canada! Happy Holidays and all the best in the New Year!

Thank you to our 2019 donors:



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Spring 2020 Student Action on Canadian Water Attitudes Competition

Stay tuned to our Student Action Competition webpage (www.safewater.org/student-action-competition) for information about our Spring 2020 Student Action on Canadian Water Attitudes Competition that will launch in the New Year!

Thank You So Much!




- 💧 Teachers and students who participated in student action competitions, as well as any parents or other volunteers who helped them with their projects.
- 💧 Teachers who entered their Operation Water Drop test results into our Operation Water Drop Test Results Submission Website, evaluated our educational programs and shared information with us about what they and their students did to take action, invited us into their classrooms to have us give presentations and help their students to use the water testing kits, and told other educators about our educational programs.
- 💧 The volunteer judges for our Student Action on Saskatchewan Water Attitudes Competition and the professionals who have volunteered to judge our Fall 2019 Student Action on Canadian Water Attitudes Competition.
- 💧 Our Board of Directors: Ray Blumenfeld (Chair), Dr. David Schindler (Honourary Chair), Dr. Tim Molnar, Tracy Webb, Dr. John O'Connor, Dr. Lalita Bharadwaj, and Jania Chilima.
- 💧 Robert Hancock for helping with some of the more technical aspects of our website and for editing our documents.
- 💧 Meewasin, South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards and Partners FOR The Saskatchewan River Basin for organizing the Saskatoon World Rivers Day event with us and for discussing working on future projects together – we look forward to what the New Year will bring!
- 💧 Saskatchewan Environmental Society and City of Saskatoon for coordinating the Student Action for a Sustainable Future program and inviting us to present at the Professional Development Day for the teachers in the program.
- 💧 Media (CBC, CTV Morning Live Saskatoon, and others) who helped us get the word out about drinking water quality issues and solutions.
- 💧 Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society for having volunteers use our water testing kits with kids at Nelson's second Youth Water Festival and for promoting our educational programs.
- 💧 Pike Lake School for inviting us to their Community Barbecue and to celebrate their achievements in the Student Action on Saskatchewan Water Attitudes Competition.
- 💧 The Human Condition Comedy Tour (presented by Frank Russo, Shawn Gramiak and Scott Porteous) for performing in Saskatoon in support of us.
- 💧 University of Saskatchewan Office of Sustainability for involving us in EcoHack 2019 as a Community Partner, and the student who chose our project and won the Most Impactful award.
- 💧 The Canadian Network for Environmental Education and Communication (Eecom) for having us present at their 27th Annual Conference ("*Action on Climate Change Through Education*").
- 💧 Planet Protector Academy for arranging for us to see what their H2Whoa! program is all about by visiting a Saskatoon classroom where it was being used.
- 💧 Streamable Learning/Live Learning Canada for helping us to hold webinars for educators and students across the USA and Canada.
- 💧 Our staff members, for continuing to work hard!
- 💧 Everyone who has joined our group on Facebook, liked our Facebook page, followed us on Twitter, and subscribed to our YouTube channel, especially those who have commented and clicked like.

Purchase Kits to Be Guaranteed to Have Valuable Hands-on Resources to Use with Your Students!

We send Operation Water Pollution kits out year-round and we will start sending Operation Water Drop and Operation Water Biology kits to schools again at the beginning of March!

An Operation Water Pollution kit costs \$170 and is guaranteed to be reusable for at least two years – so all of the students in your school can use it! Each Elementary Operation Water Drop kit, High School Operation Water Drop kit, or Operation Water Biology kit can be used with a classroom of approximately 30 eager learners! Each Elementary Operation Water Drop kit costs \$85 (total, shipping & handling included!), and each High School Operation Water Drop kit or Operation Water Biology kit costs \$170 (again, shipping & handling included!).

To purchase kits:

-  Purchase kits on our website (www.safewater.org/order-kits)
-  Or phone us at 1-306-934-0389 and provide us with your Visa or MasterCard information.
-  Or mail a cheque payable to Safe Drinking Water Foundation to #1-912 Idylwyld Drive North, Saskatoon, SK S7L 0Z6. We accept purchase orders too.

State of Drinking Water Quality in Canada

According to Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1506514143353/1533317130660) as of November 14, 2019 there were 57 long-term (meaning the advisory has been in place for more than a year) drinking water advisories in effect in First Nations communities. In addition, according to Health Canada (www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1562856509704/1562856530304) as of December 5, 2019, there were 35 short-term Drinking Water Advisories in place in First Nations communities. These numbers include public water systems financially supported by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) but not systems in British Columbia, in the territories, and within the Saskatoon Tribal Council.

In total, across Canada, according to watertoday.ca (www.watertoday.ca) as of December 7, 2019 there were 764 Boil Water Advisories and 41 Do Not Consume Orders.

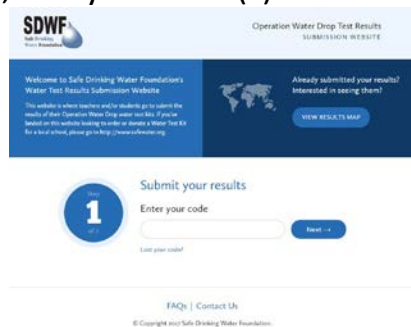
Sign Up to Receive Drinking Water Quality News from Safe Drinking Water Team (SDWT)

SDWT emails information about drinking water quality issues and solutions once a month. To receive this valuable information please visit www.safedrinkingwaterteam.org and enter your name and email address at the bottom of the homepage to subscribe to their mailing list or send an email with the subject “Subscribe” to safedrinkingwaterteam@gmail.com.



Reminder to Teachers: Please Don't Forget to Submit Your Students' Results to the Operation Water Drop Test Results Submission Website!

Please submit your students' Operation Water Drop (OWD) test results! Not only will you be involving your students in citizen science, but you will also receive a token of our appreciation! If you have used one or more OWD kits with your students, please go to testresults.safewater.org in order to enter their results. If you have lost your code(s) click on the Lost your code? link, enter your email address, and your code(s) will be emailed to you.



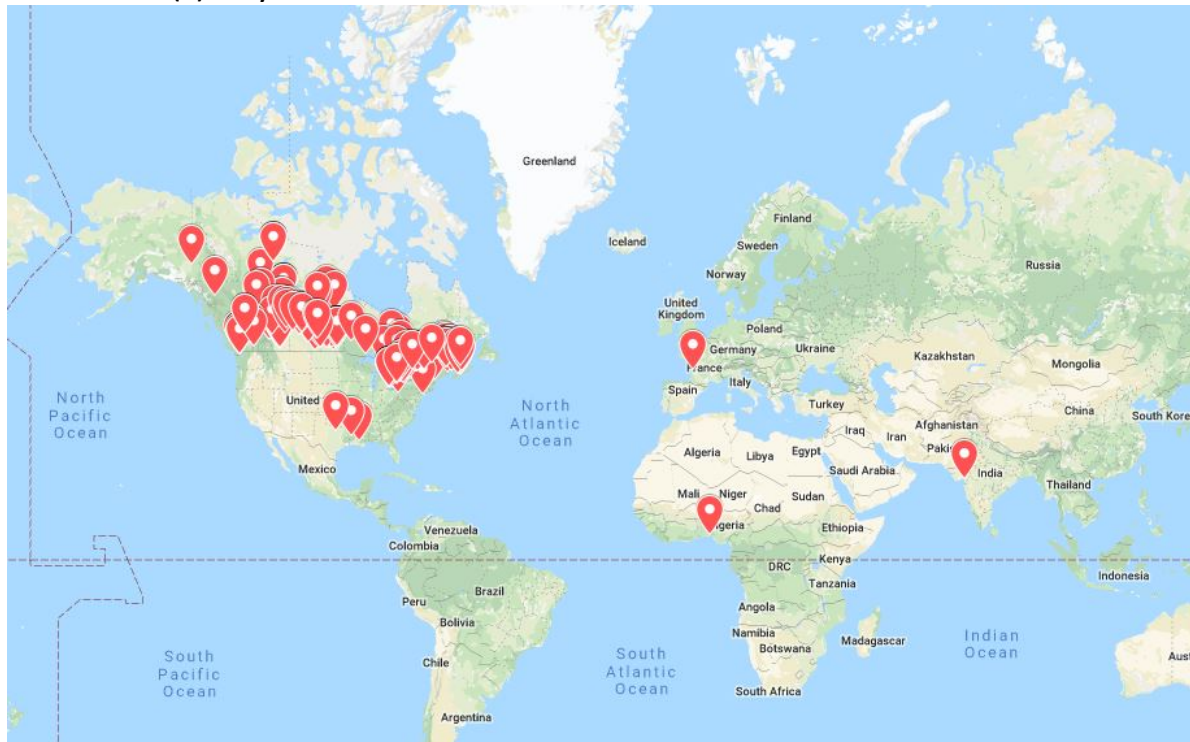
Also, please visit www.safewater.org/program-evaluation-form and evaluate any of our educational programs that you have used. We would love to hear the feedback you have and what you and your students did to take action to alleviate drinking water quality issues and to share information with others after having used our programs!

The Saskatchewan First Nations Water Association Inc. is Holding a Workshop titled “Biofiltration: Operation and Maintenance” in January

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about biofiltration operation & maintenance, be sure to check out the workshop that The Saskatchewan First Nations Water Association is presenting on January 15, 2020. Find out more here: <https://www.fnwa.ca/workshops>

A Great Gift for Students in Your Community – The Gift of an Authentic, Hands-on Science Experience!

There are hundreds of Canadian schools on the waiting list for sponsored kits - we are certain that at least one of the schools is near you! You can make it possible for a classroom of students to learn about water quality issues and solutions, be supported and encouraged in sharing knowledge with others and in taking action to alleviate drinking water quality issues, to participate in citizen science, and to test the water they drink every day, for as little as \$85. Please phone us at 1-306-934-0389 to find out more about how you can sponsor a kit for a school near you, or visit our homepage (www.safewater.org) where you will find an interactive map of all of the Canadian schools that are waiting for sponsored kits. Please find the name of the school to which you would like to donate a kit, order one or more kits for the school, and type the name of the school in the box that pops up when you add the kit(s) to your cart. You can make a difference in the lives of students!






This Holiday Season, Please Do One of the Smartest Things You Can Do to Improve the Drinking Water Quality Situation in Canada: Donate to Safe Drinking Water Foundation

You can make it possible for us to educate the leaders of today and tomorrow about drinking water quality issues and solutions by making a donation. Donors can choose to make one-time, monthly or annual donations. If organizations donate \$1,000 or more they will receive recognition in SDWF's quarterly newsletters twice, and if they donate \$10,000 or more they will also receive recognition on SDWF's website for one year (the SDWF website receives over 535,000 unique visitors per year) and their logo will include a hyperlink to their website. All donors are also thanked on our Facebook page and in our Facebook group. For more information, please visit:

www.safewater.org/donate

Thanks to everyone who has made a donation!

Donations can be made:

-  On our website (www.safewater.org/donate)
-  By phoning us at 1-306-934-0389 with your Visa or MasterCard information.
-  By mailing a cheque payable to Safe Drinking Water Foundation to #1-912 Idylwyld Drive North, Saskatoon, SK S7L 0Z6.

Receipts for income tax purposes are issued for all donations of \$20 or more. Make your donation before midnight on December 31, 2019 in order to receive an Official Donation Receipt for Income Tax Purposes that you can use for the 2019 tax year!

If you have any questions or would like to simply phone us and make a donation with a Visa or MasterCard please do not hesitate to call us at 1-306-934-0389. Thank you!



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