From the Executive Director’s Desk…
It’s the beginning of another busy school year! This school year we are launching our Operation Water Drop Test Results Submission Website. This will enable teachers to enter their students’ results from using Operation Water Drop kits in their classroom into the system and the results will be displayed on a map for everyone to see.

We are also very excited about the Student Action on Saskatoon Water Attitudes competition. Students will educate people in their community about where their water comes from, conduct surveys, and encourage them to conserve water. The winning school will receive a water bottle filling station!

Furthermore, it’s so exciting to start sending out Operation Water Drop, Operation Water Pollution, and Operation Water Biology kits again! Thank you so much to the sponsors! Without our sponsors, we would not be able to provide these valuable learning resources to students across Canada.

We are also excited to announce that the instructions for both the Elementary Operation Water Drop kits and the High School Operation Water Drop kits are now available in video format on our website and on YouTube. We provided these videos based on feedback we received from teachers when they evaluated our educational programs – it really is helpful for the teachers who use the programs to provide us with feedback, and often we are able to provide you with what you want.

Have a wonderful fall and a happy school year everyone!

Nicole M. Hancock
Thank You So Much to Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority

We received $3,000 from Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority to send sponsored kits to First Nations schools in Saskatchewan. The four sponsored Operation Water Pollution kits, nine sponsored Elementary Operation Water Drop kits, five sponsored High School Operation Water Drop kits, and four sponsored Operation Water Biology kits that were sent thanks to this funding educated 757 First Nations students in Saskatchewan about drinking water quality issues and solutions!

The Student Action on Saskatoon Water Attitudes Competition Has Launched!

A few schools have already signed up to compete in our Student Action on Saskatoon Water Attitudes competition. Saskatoon students will educate their fellow community members about the source of their drinking water, encourage them to conserve water, conduct surveys, and much more. The winning school will receive a water bottle filling station. The first 10 schools to sign up will receive Operation Water Drop kits (two Elementary Operation Water Drop kits or one High School Operation Water Drop kit).

Schools outside of Saskatoon are welcome to register, attend the webinars for the information, do projects, get assistance, and submit a report. However, they will not be eligible to receive the Operation Water Drop kits or to win the Water Bottle Filling Station.

For more information and to register please visit www.safewater.org/student-action-competition

Thank you so much to RBC Blue Water Project for providing us with the necessary funding to be able to hold this competition!
The Operation Water Drop Test Results Submission Website Has Launched!

The Operation Water Drop Test Results Submission Website, where teachers will go in order to enter their students’ results after having used an Operation Water Drop kit in their classroom, has launched! Teachers receive codes in their Operation Water Drop kits that enable them to enter their students’ results. The results are then displayed on a map and everyone can view them.

If you are a teacher who has received a kit please go to https://testresults.safewater.org after your students have used the kit in order to enter the results. If you lose your code(s), there is a way to enter your e-mail address and get your code(s). This is the same link that everyone can use to see the results. Hopefully there will be results soon!

Teachers, to make data entry easier please print out the Elementary Operation Water Drop Data Sheet (www.safewater.org/operation-water-drop-listings/2017/1/31/elementary-operation-water-drop-data-sheet) or the High School Operation Water Drop Data Sheet (www.safewater.org/operation-water-drop-listings/2016/11/28/high-school-operation-water-drop-data-sheet), depending on which type of Operation Water Drop kit you have, before your students start using the kit, and have them write their results on the sheet.
Watch the Operation Water Drop Instructional Videos to Help You and Your Students Use Operation Water Drop Kits in Your Classroom

When teachers evaluated our educational programs at the end of the 2016-2017 school year, a few expressed their desire for videos that help them to learn how to do the tests included in the Operation Water Drop kit with their students.

Therefore, we made videos about how to do every test in the Elementary Operation Water Drop kit and how to do every test in the High School Operation Water Drop kit (see, we really do read your feedback and take your comments into consideration!).

You can find the video which teaches you and your students how to do the tests included in the Elementary Operation Water Drop kits here: [www.safewater.org/operation-water-drop-listings/2017/1/31/elementary-operation-water-drop-powerpoint-includes-all-instructions](http://www.safewater.org/operation-water-drop-listings/2017/1/31/elementary-operation-water-drop-powerpoint-includes-all-instructions) and the video which teaches you and your students how to do the tests included in the High School Operation Water Drop kits here: [www.safewater.org/operation-water-drop-listings/2017/1/31/high-school-operation-water-drop-powerpoint](http://www.safewater.org/operation-water-drop-listings/2017/1/31/high-school-operation-water-drop-powerpoint)

Also, remember that all of our videos (webinars, Operation Water Drop instructions, etc.) can be found on our YouTube channel here: [www.youtube.com/channel/UCkDo8lCWH1wk1OufGUgYMLg](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkDo8lCWH1wk1OufGUgYMLg) Subscribe to our channel to see the newest videos when they come out!

Join Our Facebook Group!

Join us on Facebook to hear all of our news as it happens! We post Water Facts of the Week every Monday and we wish everyone a Funny Friday by posting a water joke every Friday! We also post links to videos, news articles, and other items of interest.

Visit: [www.facebook.com/groups/safedrinkingwaterfoundation/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/safedrinkingwaterfoundation/)
State of Drinking Water Quality in Canada

According to Health Canada (www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/first-nations-inuit-health/health-promotion/environmental-public-health/drinking-water-wastewater-first-nations-inuit-health-canada.html), as of July 31, 2017 there were 102 long-term Drinking Water Advisories and 48 short-term Drinking Water Advisories in 101 First Nations communities south of 60°, excluding British Columbia. In total, across Canada, as of September 21, 2017 there were 1,119 Boil Water Advisories and 59 Do Not Consume Orders.

Request Sponsored Kits

Teachers, it only takes about three minutes to request sponsored kits for your students! The sooner you request sponsored kits the greater your chance of receiving sponsored kits if your school fits the criteria of one of our funders. The fall is our busy kit request season, so make sure you get your name on the list!

Please visit www.safewater.org/sponsored-kit-request-form to request sponsored kits today!
Have You Created Some Great Resources to Teach Students About Water?

If you are a teacher who has created resources to use in your classroom when you teach any of the SDWF programs, please help other teachers by sending your PowerPoint presentations, assignments, etc. to us at info@safewater.org so we can share them on our website. We will send you a small token of our appreciation.

As Little as $85 Can Put Authentic Water Testing Materials in the Hands of 30 Elementary Students in Your Community!

There are hundreds of Canadian schools on the waiting list for sponsored kits - we are certain 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, 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. Click on the school for which you would like to buy a kit and use our easy, online system to sponsor a kit for that school! You can make a difference in the lives of students!
Is Your Class or Club Ready for the Great Waters Challenge?

Join students in grades 4-12 and youth clubs across Canada for a gamified way to learn about water in your community! Teams will show the country how water has influenced their community in a competition to win exciting field trips and other prizes!

Students will plan a water action day for their peers through a series of three challenges including adventurous assignments and a water workshop at your school or an online webinar. The Great Waters Challenge is curriculum aligned, workshops/webinars are free, and supplies for water action days will be provided!

Find out more or sign-up your class or club here: www.waterlution.org/GWC

Registration closes October 16th, 2017 and then it’s game on!
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 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 45,000 unique visitors per year) and their logo will include a hyperlink to their website. 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. 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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