

BCAFN Water Operators Engagement Session

April 26, 2022 - 9am - 12pm (via Zoom)

Program Agenda

Meeting Objectives	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">To engage in a discussion on the gaps and issues in regulations and standards for water/wastewater operators on reserve and for AFN to provide an update on the Safe Drinking Water for First Nations Act reform	
Time	Activity
9:00 - 9:25am	Welcome/Opening Opening Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none">Irving Leblanc Housekeeping <ul style="list-style-type: none">Hannah Geiser, Castlemain Water Ceremony (Pre-recorded)
9:25 - 9:55am	Presentation Update on the Safe Drinking Water for First Nations Act + Class Action Lawsuit Update Presentation by Patti Currie, Matthew George and Kerry Black
9:55 - 10:45am	Open Discussion: Gaps and Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none">What are the risks inherent in the repeal and replacement of the SDWFNA and how does it impact you as an operator or technician?How do you want to be engaged from a legislative perspective?How can we be more inclusive of operator's concerns and perspectives?What best practices or examples of success can you share from your region?What policies or programs would provide better support to you as an operator or technician?From a BC perspective, given that most First Nations are small with decentralized systems, what does a long-term approach to closing the infrastructure gap look like when you have that many small communities?Are you willing to continue to use the provincial certification process/criteria? Are you interested in developing a regional process?

	- What type of certification regime would you like to see in place?
	Health Break
11:05 - 11:25am	<p style="text-align: center;">Presentation</p> <p>Impacts of Covid-19 on Water/Wastewater Operators</p> <p>Presentation by:</p>
11:25 – 11:50am	<p style="text-align: center;">Open Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How has the pandemic impacted your capacity as an operator/technician? • What do you need to better support safe drinking water and management post-pandemic? • What other factors are impacting you as a First Nation water operator or technician?
11:50 - 12:00pm	<p>Wrap Up/Next Steps/Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hannah Geiser, Castlemain • Irving Leblanc, AFN