

# Regional Water and Wastewater Operator Pilot Program



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# Background

- MNL Rural Drinking Water Systems Report
- Current BWA statistics
- Environment Canada WSER

# Project Goals

- Capacity building
- Improved drinking water quality
- Improved wastewater monitoring and treatment

# Project Description

- Pilot project to take place from October 1, 2015 – March 31, 2019.
- Operators work with the applicable Regional Service Board
- Operators work with each community to help develop skills and knowledge to effectively operate water and wastewater systems

# Responsibilities

- RWWO
  - Oversee operations and maintenance
  - Develop and implement monitoring and maintenance programs
  - Review systems and recommend infrastructure improvements
  - Regular reporting on project goals

# Responsibilities

- Regional Service Boards (RSBs)
  - Recruit & employ the RWWO
  - Administer program with the region
  - Manage project budget and expenses

# Responsibilities

- Pilot Communities
  - Continue daily operation of water and wastewater systems
  - Purchase all equipment and consumables to operate the water or wastewater system
  - Support training for community employed operator
  - Complete demand and preventative maintenance



# Responsibilities

- Provincial Government
  - Allocate budget to the respective RSB
  - Select pilot communities
  - Provide technical advice as required
  - Provide operator training
  - Report on progress of the pilot project

# Early Achievements

- Western Region
  - Met with 4 of the pilot communities with meetings scheduled with 5 more in the coming weeks
  - Public meeting planned in Black Duck Siding to provide information on chlorination
  - Implemented flow metering in Flat Bay East
  - Developed template for Emergency Response Plan

# Early Achievements

- Central Region
  - Met with all pilot communities
  - Generally, the program is well received
  - Problems are being identified with each of the communities and solutions are being developed
  - All 12 communities are visited regularly

# Early Achievements

- Eastern Region
  - Met with eight of the pilot communities
  - Town meetings planned for the end of the month

# Thanks

