



Saskatchewan
Environment



Executive Summary

In April, 2002, the provincial government released a comprehensive Long Term Safe Drinking Water Strategy in response to the Report on the Commission of Inquiry into public drinking water in North Battleford. The aim of the Strategy is to take action to ensure safe, high quality drinking water for the people of Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan Environment implemented several initiatives to complement and implement the Strategy. One of those initiatives was a commitment to provide pertinent information for operators of water and wastewater treatment plants across the province in a single, easily accessible manner. This binder is the fulfillment of that commitment.

The binder contains a variety of information such as *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2002* along with *The Water Regulations, 2002*. It also contains information such as: drinking water quality standards and objectives; design guides for water and wastewater plants; a summary of the department's bacteriological follow-up protocol; information on operator certification; frequently asked questions and answers; a list of contacts that will be useful to operators; and much more. The Table of Contents that follows outlines the full range of information provided.

This binder is designed in a way that will make it easy to add new information and replace old information. Each time Saskatchewan Environment sends out new information it will also send instructions as to where it should go in the binder, and if any existing information already in the binder should be removed. It will also revise the Table of Contents if the information provided so requires.

It is anticipated that providing this single, up-to-date source of information regarding drinking water will be a valuable tool for water and wastewater treatment plant owners and operators across the province. Knowledgeable and up-to-date operators are key to ensuring safe drinking water in Saskatchewan communities and are integral to the Long Term Safe Drinking Water Strategy.