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First Nation Water & Wastewater Action Plan

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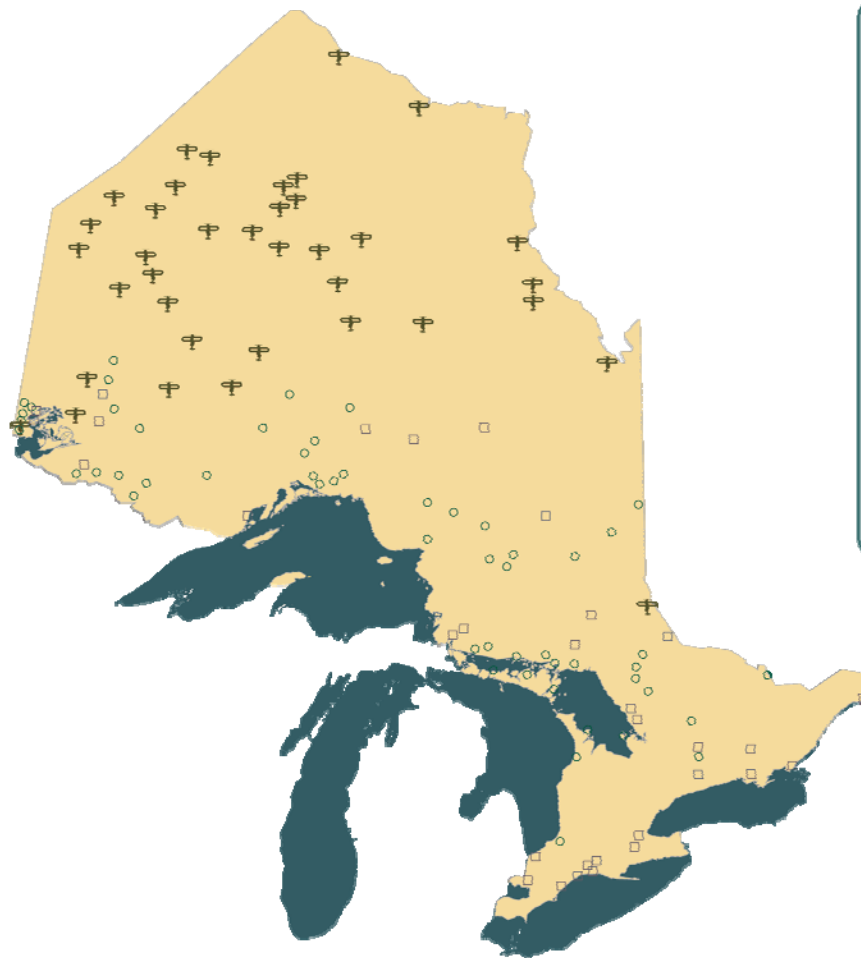
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1 in 4 Ontario First Nations is a small, remote community



	URBAN	URBAIN
	RURAL	RURAL
	REMOTE	ÉLOIGNÉ
	AIR ACCESS	ACCESSIBLE PAR AIR
URBAN (WITHIN 50 km OF MAJOR CENTRE)		URBAIN (MOINS DE 50 km D'UN CENTRE IMPORTANT)
RURAL (BETWEEN 50km AND 350 km)		RURAL (ENTRE 50km ET 350 km)
REMOTE (OVER 350 km)		ÉLOIGNÉ (PLUS DE 350 km)
AIR ACCESS		ACCESSIBLE PAR AIR



History of Water Strategy

- May 2000 – Walkerton
- Sept 2001 – First National Assessment
- May 2003 – First Nations Water Management Strategy (FNWMS)
- September 2005 - Report on Drinking Water in First Nations Communities
- March 2006 – Plan of Action for Drinking Water on Reserve
- December 2006 - Report of the Expert Panel on Safe Drinking Water for First Nations
- June 2007 - Report on Safe Drinking Water for First Nations
- December 2007 - Summative Evaluation of the First Nations Water Management Strategy
- April 2008 – First Nations Water and Wastewater Action Plan (FNWAP)



First Nation Stakeholders involved in the Management of Water on Reserve

- There are 126 recognized First Nations in Ontario
- 14 Tribal Councils: act as technical advisors to affiliated First Nations
- The Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation: acts as a technical advisor to unaffiliated First Nations
- 4 Provincial-Territorial Organizations: guide policy development and lobby on behalf of their member First Nations for resource allocation.
- The Chiefs of Ontario: is the regional voice of the Assembly of First Nations



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FNWWAP Activities

- Enhanced Facility O&M Funding
- Circuit Rider Training Program (CRTP)
- Operator Training Subsidy
- Major Capital Infrastructure
- Safe Water Operations Program (SWOP)
- 24/7 Emergency Response Services



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2007 Report on Safe Drinking Water for First Nations

- The Senate Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples released their report in June 2007 regarding the provision of safe drinking water to First Nations reserves.
- The report contained two major recommendations for the Government of Canada:
- Conduct a professional audit of water system facilities and an independent needs assessment in relation to the delivery of water on reserve; and
- Undertake a comprehensive consultation process regarding legislative options to water in First Nations communities.



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Engineering Assessments

- 1st National Engineering Assessment - 2001
- Ontario Region Engineering Assessments 1&2 – 2003 to 2006
- 2nd National Engineering Assessment - 2009 to 2010



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