

TO: Stakeholders in the Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Industry

RE: COVID-19 Impact on the Updates to the ACWWA Water Supply and ACWWA Wastewater Guidelines

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The ACWWA Water Supply Guidelines Draft 2, March 2020 and the ACWWA Wastewater Guidelines Draft 2, March 2020 have been published and are currently available for review:

<http://www.acwwa.ca/resources/water-wastewater-guidelines/kmp/design-guidelines>

A Climate Change chapter has been developed in both of the Guidelines. As indicated in the "Purpose and Use of the Guidelines", the draft Climate Change chapter aims to deliver a comprehensive overview for the strategies available to gather climate change information, assess impacts and risks, and to implement effective adaptation planning. Throughout the guidelines, reference is made to climate change impacts, and what to consider in a climate change context when outlining the steps for planning, designing and operating water and wastewater infrastructure.

gathering restrictions will evolve over time, ACWWA has determined that the cancelled workshops will be replaced with webinars in each of the four Atlantic Provinces in the fall of 2020. Dates and registration details will follow when available.

Our previous Stakeholder Notification requested photos of climate impacted water and wastewater infrastructure that could be incorporated into the Capacity Building component of the project. We continue to seek further contributions in this effort. Photos received are being used to enhance the presentations as they confirm that multiple infrastructure components in the water and wastewater industry are impacted by climate events in Atlantic Canada.

We thank you for your interest and for the comments received on Drafts 2 of the Guidelines. The deadline date for comments is indicated as the end of August 2020 so that comments received can be considered when preparing the webinars. The end of August date, however, is flexible, as the timing of the relaxation of travel and mass gathering restrictions by the respective provincial governments, as well as work requirements when office work returns to the "new normal", will determine when and how the Project Committee can proceed with the review of the Guideline drafts.

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The number of downloads of both Guidelines, and of eight water/wastewater Guidelines from other jurisdictions, indicates an encouraging level of interest in the project.

The project schedule, unfortunately, has been impacted by COVID - 19, and workshops proposed for Charlottetown (April 2020), St. John's (July 2020), and Fredericton (October 2020) have been cancelled due to travel and mass gathering restrictions imposed by the respective Atlantic Canada provincial governments. After due consideration and with the uncertainty of when and how provincial travel and mass

