



First Nations Water

TRADITIONS, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

A chance to participate (See reverse for details)



The Product

A beautiful 40-48 page FULL COLOR magazine featuring water traditions, challenges and opportunities that First Nations are addressing in the great plains of western Canada. There are 179 First Nations in the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba and their association with water has been and remains a defining element of their culture and identity in an historical as well as a contemporary setting.



Featured topics will include:

- The supply and delivery of potable drinking water to reserve homes, with a focus on the role of band councils, as well as federal and provincial agencies.
- The challenges of wastewater treatment in a reserve context.
- First Nations training, operation and management of water treatment plants.

Stories will feature the social, health, and spiritual aspects of water in a First Nations context including:

- The important role water has played and continues to play in community and family health.
- The important role that water plays in the spiritual being of First Nations including some of the important water-based spiritual events that take place annually in various regions of the three prairie provinces.
- A historic portrayal of the water-based trade, travel and settlement patterns of First Nations, both before and after European arrival.

The environmental, economic and legal issues about water that are of interest to First Nations including:

- The downstream impacts felt in some communities as a result of hydro and resource development and operations.
- Illustrations and stories about the traditional use of wetland areas for hunting and trapping.
- Contemporary developers, government and First Nations co-management strategies and initiatives.
- Areas where water stewardship conflicts have arisen and steps that have been taken to address such conflicts.
- Riparian rights, treaties, land entitlements and water issues that include both First Nation and non-Native interests



Audience

The publication is designed to appeal to First Nations audiences as well as a broad range of non-Native readers who have interests and responsibilities in understanding and communicating with First Nations. A large proportion of the planned 50,000 copies of this publication will be distributed to schools on First Nations reserves, as well as non-Native schools, where educators are anxious to include high-quality cross-cultural materials in their courses. Copies will be distributed to every First Nation in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba as well as to a diverse, existing subscriber base.

Professional writing team

An experienced team of writers and researchers will develop story material. An editorial advisory board advises the publishers on content, balance and suitability of all material. Sponsor review further ensures accuracy and suitability with key sponsors review of all material prior to printing and individual sponsors review of their specific story material.

Time Frame

First Nations water is scheduled for printing and distribution by Spring of 2004.



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