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Board Chair Patrick Nicol
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9848 Aberdeen Road
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Dear Board Chair Nicol:

Re: Where should Interior Health focus their work with small water systems?

With over 1,800 registered small water supply systems (i.e. serving fewer than 500 persons) in the IH region, focusing resources to support clean, safe, reliable water supplies is crucial. Consultation with our staff has identified some opportunities for improvement including increased investment in education and advocacy. Now, we would like to hear from you.

- What have IH Health Protection staff and programs done that supported drinking water improvements in your region?
- Are there initiatives or actions IH Health Protection has undertaken for small water systems that didn't work?
- Are there opportunities IH could be taking advantage of to improve community water supplies?

Over the coming months we are soliciting input from small water system stakeholders throughout the BC southern interior. Thoughts, opinions and ideas can be provided by writing, calling or e-mailing us at the addresses or number below or by completing a short, confidential on-line survey at <http://fluidsurveys.com/s/healthprotectionsmallwatersystems2013/>. Feedback will be accepted **through March 16th, 2014**. Key themes and the resulting five-year goals for our small water systems program will be shared in the Spring 2014 drinking water e-newsletter.

For more information on our initiative, or to be included on our newsletter distribution list, e-mail laurie.bourdin@interiorhealth.ca. Past issues of our newsletters are also posted at www.interiorhealth.ca/YourEnvironment/DrinkingWater.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of
J. Ivor Norlin, Manager Infrastructure Programs

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