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## **Yukon government to improve water information sharing and training opportunities**

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon will invest more than \$1 million in 2015/16 to implement the *Yukon Water Strategy and Action Plan* to ensure Yukon will always have water for nature and water for people, Environment Minister Wade Istchenko announced today.

"The Yukon government is committed to providing for present and future needs so that the quantity, quality and overall health of waters flowing through Yukon lands are sustained for all living things," Istchenko said. "Through the strategy we are promoting the sustainable use of this vital resource."

Subject to legislative approval, the \$1,160,000 investment will assist water managers in better understanding and managing groundwater, improving access to safe drinking water and planning for water needs now and in the future. Specific projects include:

- a second year of funding for the Yukon Water and Wastewater Operator Training Program at Yukon College;
- expanding the territory's water networks and programs by adding 10 hydrometric stations and two water quality stations; and
- expanding the groundwater program, including expansion of the groundwater monitoring network.

The *Yukon Water Strategy and Action Plan* was released in June 2014. It outlines investments of \$3.35 million over three years. In the first year of the plan (2014/15), the Yukon government upgraded 23 hydrometric stations, installed six new hydrometric stations and established two new water quality stations. It also hired a hydrogeologist, held a Yukon Water Forum, funded the Yukon Water and Wastewater Operator Training Program at Yukon College, provided water-related presentations in Yukon schools as part of Canada Water Week, and invested in enhanced flood forecasting.

### **Learn more:**

The *Yukon Water Strategy and Action Plan*

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