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Yukon government expands water monitoring network

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon will invest more than \$1.5 million to expand Yukon’s water monitoring network in 2016/17, subject to legislative approval.

“The Government of Yukon is committed to making water management decisions that sustain the quality and overall health of water in Yukon,” Minister of Environment Wade Istchenko said. “We aim to promote the sustainable and responsible use of water for our environmental, social and economic needs.”

Highlights of the upgrades include:

- installing ten new hydrometric stations;
- reactivating two old water-quality monitoring stations;
- adding wells to the groundwater network and expanding the groundwater program;
- conducting baseline studies on water quality and groundwater in Eagle Plains; and
- installing two multi-level wells and conducting groundwater sampling in the Kotaneelee gas fields region.

The Government of Yukon also intends to increase job opportunities for First Nations and communities in order to improve community monitoring of local water networks.

Following the recommendations of the 2014 Yukon Water Strategy and Action Plan, significant investments have been made in the territory’s water network. So far the government has upgraded 23 hydrometric stations, installed 15 new hydrometric stations and established or re-activated four new water-quality stations. The Yukon government also hired a hydrogeologist, held two Yukon Water Forums, funded the Yukon Water and Wastewater Operator Training Program at Yukon College and invested in enhanced flood forecasting.

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Learn more:

Yukon government Water Strategy and Action Plan

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