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## Protecting Sources of Drinking Water in Alberta

*Alberta Water Council (AWC) launches a survey for public organizations and individuals to comment on experiences using source water*

The AWC is launching this initiative to document existing source water protection (SWP) approaches and provide guidance for protecting public, private, and individual drinking water sources in Alberta. Source water is untreated, raw water from surface or groundwater sources used for drinking water or other uses. SWP is a risk management process designed to maintain or improve the conditions of water through proactive, collaborative identification, validation, assessment, and management of risk. AWC will focus on the quality of surface and groundwater supplies, while recognizing that quality and quantity are related. This project will advance outcomes of [Water for Life](#) and [Our Water, Our Future: A Plan for Action](#). The team is expected to synthesize SWP practices, processes, and risks to drinking water sources, as well as examine SWP approaches and risk management models in selected jurisdictions. They will also develop a guidance document that highlights best practices in SWP.

There are two surveys **open until September 14, 2018**.

1. For organizations and/or individuals involved in, or supporting initiatives to develop, implement, and evaluate SWP approaches (i.e. plan, policy, legislation, tool, etc.) that focus on protecting drinking water in public and private systems. Survey can be found [here](#).
2. For individuals who rely on a private source of drinking water (i.e. well, dug-out, etc.) on their property. Survey can be found [here](#).

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