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## Alberta Water Council Releases Protecting Sources of Drinking Water in Alberta Guide

The **Alberta Water Council** (AWC) is a multi-stakeholder partnership with members from government, industry, and non-government organizations. The AWC regularly reviews the implementation progress of the **Water for Life** strategy and champions the achievement of the strategy's goals. The AWC recently released the **Protecting Sources of Drinking Water in Alberta guide** and **companion document**, which lay out the essentials for source water protection (SWP) planning. Source water is untreated, raw water from surface or groundwater sources used for drinking or other purposes.

Protecting Sources of Drinking Water in Alberta includes six steps on how to safeguard drinking water sources by developing an SWP plan. Each step describes key factors for success along with related case studies, tools, and resources available to support SWP in Alberta. The guide is intended to support municipalities, Indigenous communities, and drinking water providers to undertake SWP.

The project's objectives are to:

- synthesize SWP practices, processes, and risks to drinking water sources in Alberta
- document complementary source water related initiatives (i.e. legislation, plans, policies, programs in Alberta, and opportunities for integration and collaboration)
- examine SWP approaches and risk management models in selected jurisdictions
- identify successes, gaps, barriers, redundancies, and lessons learned
- develop a guide that highlights best practices

View **Protecting Sources of Drinking Water in Alberta: Guide to Source Water Protection Planning** and **Protecting Sources of Drinking Water in Alberta: Companion Document** to learn more.

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