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Dear Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils:

I am pleased to announce that the Alberta Water Council (AWC) has released our recently completed *Protecting Sources of Drinking Water in Alberta Guide and Companion Document*. I hope you will help raise awareness of this work by sharing this with your network.

The public release of this guide and its companion document marks a significant step towards creating a foundation and common approach for source water protection planning in Alberta, which is largely led by watershed groups, municipalities, Indigenous communities, and drinking water providers. Source water protection is a risk mitigation approach to ensuring drinking water is clean and accessible. This is the first guide of its kind in Alberta, and AWC is already working on developing a sophisticated web-based tool to further support communities in protecting their drinking water sources. The Alberta WPACs are an integral member of the AWC and we are proud to develop important water management tools like these with your continued support.

The following materials are available on Google drive here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-21c-VtIUR59neRm1LVj6uWZAqkeak8d?usp=sharing>

- 1) *Protecting Sources of Drinking Water in Alberta: Guide to Source Water Protection Planning*
- 2) *Protecting Sources of Drinking Water in Alberta: Companion Document*.
- 3) News release
- 4) Backgrounder

Also, we've developed a supporting [video](#) on how to use the guide on our YouTube channel.

More information about this project and others is available on our website www.awchome.ca.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about any of the documents or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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