

IH Drinking Water Program News and Updates

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Overview

- * **Updates to Provincial Guidelines**
- * **Current IH Initiatives**
- * **GARP Guideline Review**
- * **Question Period**



Water Quality in Distribution System

BC Guidelines (Microbiological) on Maintaining Water Quality in Distribution Systems (Version 1- August 2016)

* Multiple Barrier Approach to effective risk



Emergency Response Planning

- * Emergency Response and Contingency Planning for Small Water Systems (June 2016 Ministry of Health)

Core Components:

- * Know your Risks!
- * Communicate the Plan
- * Train staff
- * Secure finances
- * Update Annually



Current IH Initiatives

- * **Peer-to-Peer Training:**

- * Emergency Response and Contingency Planning Course

- * **Source Water Protection:**

- * Tool for Small Water Suppliers



- * **Updating of Inspection Database**

GARP Guidelines



- * Tool to assess risk and determine the level of treatment required
- * **Critical Factors:**
 - * Location of Well
 - * Nature of the Aquifer
 - * Local Land - use practices

Questions:



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