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# The Weekly Policy Bulletin

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## Federal Election...Don't forget to ask!

### CARBON TAX AND OFFSETS

Saskatchewan producers feed the nation and the world and the last several months have illustrated the importance of a local, reliable food supply. To continue to provide a reliable source of high-quality food, producers must remain competitive. The introduction of carbon pricing in Saskatchewan has increased costs for agriculture and is threatening that competitiveness. Agriculture producers have been early adopters of technologies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions so making sure that the federal carbon offset system that is being developed recognizes these past and ongoing efforts is critical to offsetting the impacts of the federal carbon tax.

**What are your federal election candidates going to do to ensure agriculture producers are recognized for their past and ongoing efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions? Are they going to design a federal offset system that recognizes them for these efforts?**

To read more about SARM's Federal Election Priorities please see our website:



## Feedback

### Saskatchewan Private Well Users Survey

This study is being conducted in partnership between the University of Saskatchewan and McMaster University. The research is funded through Global Water Futures, a Canada First Research Excellence Fund program hosted by the University of Saskatchewan.

The purpose of this research is: (1) To capture the knowledge, perceptions, and values of private well users; and, (2) to understand how the management and monitoring of private wells in rural areas affect health of people and livestock consuming groundwater. It is intended that this study will benefit the private well user community by understanding your concerns about drinking water for improved drinking water solutions. The findings of the study will be shared back through an infographic, peer-reviewed papers, and written reports.

For more information about this study, or if you have any questions concerning your involvement in this study, please refer to the contacts below before taking part in this study:

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## Take Part in a Survey of Private Well Users in Saskatchewan

Do you live in Saskatchewan?  
Are you over the age of 18?  
Does your water come from a private well?

If so, we want to hear from you!



<https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/SaskWells>

Take 15-20 minutes to add your voice to a province-wide survey about your well water experiences.

Feel free to share the survey link with others!  
For more information contact Corinne Schuster-Wallace:  
(CSchusterWallace@UofSask.ca)

This study has been reviewed by, and received ethical clearance by, the University of Saskatchewan Behavioural Research Ethics board and the McMaster Research Ethics Board.



## Resources

### Integrated Strategy for Radioactive Waste (ISRW) Roundtable & Technical Workshops

In the fall of 2020, The Minister of Natural Resources Canada tasked the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) with leading an engagement process with Canadians and Indigenous peoples to inform the development of an integrated long-term management strategy for all of Canada's radioactive waste, in particular low- and intermediate-level waste ([radwasteplanning.ca](http://radwasteplanning.ca)). This work is distinct from the work that the NWMO is leading on the Deep Geological Repository for used nuclear fuel which will continue as planned.

In 2021, they began engaging with Canadians and Indigenous peoples, conducting public opinion research, hosting a **Summit** to hear from diverse voices, and listening to citizens in a series of engagement sessions in communities where waste is stored today, and hosting Roundtable sessions with interested groups. They continue to engage in various ways with Canadians and Indigenous peoples, and these Technical Workshops are one more way to gather the contributions of diverse voices.

If you missed one of the NWMO's specific Roundtable sessions, they would like to invite you to attend one of two additional "Open" (mixed group) Roundtable Sessions. Please register below:

Open Roundtable Session Dates:

- ***Tuesday, September 14th, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm EDT***
- ***Wednesday, September 22nd, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm EDT***

The NWMO would also like to invite you to attend one or more of their upcoming Technical Workshops focused on Low Level Waste (LLW) or Intermediate Level Waste (ILW). These sessions are open to all and will serve as an opportunity for you to provide your input on Canada's strategy for low- and intermediate-level radioactive waste. The input collected in these workshops will not be attributed to any individual in our summary report. Additional information is available [\*here\*](#).

In preparation for your participation, please consult a Report of Technical Options available [\*here\*](#).

The NWMO are hosting virtual Technical Workshops on the following days; they invite you to register on their [\*website\*](#) by clicking on a date below that best suits your interest and level of knowledge (layperson or expert). Note that all sessions will be bilingual, offered in English with simultaneous French translation.

Technical Workshops for Laypeople:

- Intermediate Level Waste – ***Technical Workshops for Laypeople – Tuesday, September 21st, 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT***
- Low Level Waste – ***Technical Workshops for Laypeople – Tuesday, October 5th, 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT***

Technical Workshops for Experts – Low Level Waste:

- Low Level Waste – Technical Workshops for Experts – ***Monday, September 27th, 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT***
- Low Level Waste – Technical Workshops for Experts – ***Wednesday, October 6th, 9:00 am-1:00 pm EDT***

Technical Workshops for Experts – Intermediate Level Waste:

- Intermediate Level Waste – ***Technical Workshops for Experts – Tuesday, September 28th, 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT***
- Intermediate Level Waste – ***Technical Workshops for Experts – Monday, October 4th, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm EDT***

## 2021 Canada-Saskatchewan Drought Response Initiative

The 2021 Canada-Saskatchewan Drought Response Initiative provides financial relief to help offset the extraordinary costs livestock producers face related to the current drought, with a per head payment on female breeding animals.

Details for the Canada-Saskatchewan Drought Response Initiative.  
Applications open on **September 1, 2021.**

For more info visit <https://t.co/3SpiAZLbh5> or call 1-844-723-1211.



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