## **Water Policy**



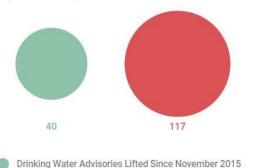
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## **Boil Water Advisories**

- One-third of all First Nations living on-reserve use drinking water systems that are detrimental to their health.
- In 2015, the Canadian Government committed to end all long-term boil water advisories on reserves by March 2021, but are not on track to fulfill this promise.
- NWAC advocates for access to clean drinking water for all Indigenous people.
- NWAC is monitoring the Canadian Government's progress on meeting its target of ending boil water advisories by 2021 and is relaying information regarding this initiative through our organization's social media.

Long Term Drinking Water Advisories on First Nations Reserves



Drinking Water Advisories in Effect as of January 2018



- Many Indigenous women identify as water carriers and consider associated teachings and stories as a part of their identity
- Indigenous women have been raising public awareness for decades about the need for greater environmental protection of water.
- NWAC's Report on Indigenous Women's Right to Water focuses on a review of international agreements, and Canadian laws and policies that outline Indigenous people's right to water.
- NWAC has helped organize water walks to bring attention to the importance of clean water and the need to combat the pollution of local rivers and lakes.

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