

To: Environmental Health Foundation of Canada

RE: Nomination Canadian Water and Wastewater Association Safe Water Award

This letter is to nominate Rob Fleming for the Canadian Water and Wastewater Association Safe Water award for 2021. Rob Fleming currently works as the Drinking Water Manager for First Nations Health Authority (FNHA). He has worked in the Environmental Health field for more than twenty five years, including time with FNHA, Interior Health, municipal governments, and the private sector. Rob's passion and expertise for clean, safe, reliable drinking water for all is evident through his service delivery work and his policy expertise, with a keen understanding on how upstream decisions can impact drinking water operators and consumers.

Rob has applied this strategic policy lens and passion for continuing education as a Board Director with the Environmental Operators Certification Program, and with the international Association of Boards of Certification, where he currently sits as a Director. Through this leadership, Rob has ensured an additional lens of public health: that the individuals who work in drinking water systems have the training, qualifications, and certification necessary to ensure competence in operating those systems.

Since taking on the role as Drinking Water Manager at FNHA, he has positively impacted the field of Environmental Health for First Nations Communities by creating new policies and procedures to ensure a community-driven, Nation-based approach to public health and drinking water management. He has also overseen the implementation of a new data collection and analysis system for FNHA, which ensures the principles ownership, control, access, and possession of water-related data is held by the First Nations. He has been an instrumental contributor to the lifting of long term boil water advisories in First Nations communities throughout B.C. and supported large infrastructure projects, creating safer and healthier environments for communities.

Due to these contributions and his tireless commitment to public health, we feel that Rob Fleming is a worthy candidate of the Canadian Water and Wastewater Association Safe Water Award.

Thank you for your consideration,



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