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FSIN STILL CONCERNED ABOUT WATER QUALITY ON SASKATCHEWAN FIRST NATIONS

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FSIN welcomes the announcement made yesterday by the Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Metis and Non-Status Indians and the National Chief of AFN, Phil Fontaine includes a plan of action to address drinking water concerns in First Nations communities Nationally.

Vice-Chief Lonechild stated, “although the Saskatchewan region has invested \$416 million since 1990 and there are 109 certified water operators working in Saskatchewan First Nation communities we still have water quality issues in many communities that must be addressed”.

The water quality audit completed in 2001 is out dated and must reflect current conditions in First Nation communities. Vice Chief Lonechild is encouraging the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to work with FSIN to improved water quality, and treatment in our communities.

“FSIN is committed to work with all levels of governments to improve the quality of life for all First Nations living on and off reserve to ensure a positive future for our membership”, stated Vice Chief Lonechild.

The Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations represents 73 First Nations in Saskatchewan. The Federation is committed to honouring the Spirit and Intent of the Treaties as well as the promotion, protection and implementation of Treaties that were made more than a century ago.

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