



Water crisis in First Nations



174 advisories

In May 2018, there were 174 drinking water advisories in over 100 First Nations.



20 years

Some of the advisories date as far back as 1995 – like Shoal Lake 40 First Nation.



5,000

A single drinking water advisory can mean as many as 5,000 people lack access to safe, clean drinking water.



73%

73 per cent of First Nations' water systems are at high or medium risk of contamination.



+0.5%

If Canada raises corporate tax rates from 15 to 15.5 per cent, all First Nations' could have working water systems.



July 2010

In 2010, the United Nations declared water and sanitation human rights, acknowledging they are essential to the realization of all other rights.

The Trudeau government **promised** to end all long-term drinking water advisories in First Nations by **2021**.

But many are given band-aid solutions that result in new short-term advisories. Lack of access to clean, safe drinking water in First Nations must be fixed for good.

Take action at canadians.org/fn-water.

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