Education

B.Sc. (Hons), School of Biological Sciences, James Cook University, Townsville, Queensland, Australia, 1986

Professional Affiliations

- Australian Freshwater Sciences Society
- Australian Water Association
- Canadian Society of Limnology
- Society of International Limnology
- International Water Association
- Institute of Corporate Directors
- Alberta Society of Professional Biologists

John Faithful, BSc (Hons)

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

John is a Principal and senior water quality specialist based in the Calgary office. He has over 30 years of experience undertaking and directing surface water quality and limnological assessments of river, lake, and inshore marine environments.

John has been with Golder for almost 14 years. Prior to joining Golder, John spent most of his professional career working on the east coast of northern Australia at the Australian Centre for Tropical Freshwater Research at James Cook University, Townsville, Queensland. While at the Centre, John managed the consulting component of the business, as well as its analytical service laboratory, and collaborated on research projects that focused on freshwater and marine environments. Relevant work John undertook while at the Centre included the assessment of effects of mining and refinery operations to freshwater and inshore marine receiving environments, and the assessment of effects of agricultural runoff to coastal rivers and nearshore environments.

Since joining Golder, John has worked as a component lead, project manager, senior technical advisor, technical director, and project director for projects involving water quality baseline and assessment studies and environmental impact assessments. These projects have focused on mining and municipal business sectors. Although John’s background is water quality, John's work at Golder has predominantly been associated with leading baseline and environmental impact assessments for mining projects in north-western Canada; the key mining projects John has been involved with include the environmental assessment, permitting processes, and annual environmental monitoring for the Agnico Eagle Whale Tail Expansion and Meliadine Expansion projects, the De Beers Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine, the Dominion Diamond Mine Jay project, the Fortune NICO Project, as well as the annual aquatic effects monitoring programs for De Beers Gahcho Kué and Snap Lake diamond mines. The key municipal project John has been involved with is leading the annual environmental monitoring program for EPCOR (formerly the City of Edmonton), which he has been associated with since he joined Golder.

Beyond John’s professional role within Golder, he is the leader of Golder’s global Water Quality Technical Community and he is a director of IMG-Golder.

John has a strong alliance with northern of Canada given that the majority of his project work is based in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut. Although he has devoted a lot of time in Yellowknife since he started at Golder, John spent 18 months between 2017 and 2019 where he rotated between the Yellowknife and Calgary offices on a month on, month off basis. Following on from this rotation, John instigated a program where a team of senior Golder people, who have project or office staff connections, now spend time in the office throughout the year to connect with the staff, and existing and potential new clients.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE – MINING – IMPACT ASSESSMENT / PERMITTING

Agnico Eagle Mines Whale Tail Expansion Project and Meliadine Expansion Project EA / Permitting
Nunavut, Canada

John is the senior water quality technical lead (since 2019) involved in the NIRB and NWB permitting processes, including preparation of technical responses to information requests and technical comments, and attendance at technical sessions and regulatory hearings as an expert panel witness for the water quality component.

De Beers Canada Gahcho Kué Mine EIS / Permitting / Monitoring / Regulatory Support
Northwest Territories, Canada

John is currently the Project Director for all Golder environmental work being conducted at this mine (since 2016). In 2007, John started as the Aquatic Components Coordinator for the initial EIS phase of the Project (2007 to 2009), which included managing an external consultant retained by De Beers for completion of several of the aquatic component sections for the EIS. From 2012, John transitioned into the Technical Director leading the Golder technical team through a rewrite of the EIS and the EIR process with MVEIRB, and through the permitting process. These roles included participating as an expert panel witness in the MVEIRB and MVLWB technical sessions and public hearings. As Project Director, John is responsible for leading the Golder environment, water resource engineering, and construction teams, reviewing all Golder technical environmental products, including De Beers' environmental regulatory products (when needed), and maintaining a high level of engagement with the De Beers project teams (2007 to current).

De Beers Snap Lake Mine – Aquatic Effects Monitoring / Regulatory Support
Northwest Territories, Canada

John is currently the Project Director for the environmental work being conducted by Golder at this mine site (since 2017). In addition to this role, John has provided senior review and technical support to the AEMP water quality and/or sediment quality component team (since 2008).

Giant Mine Environmental Support Services and Civil Design Contracts, PSPC / AECOM
Northwest Territories, Canada

John is currently the Project Director for the project management team that provides oversight to the technical services delivery teams for a variety of tasks under two contracts (since 2017). The contracts are currently established under a partnership with AECOM. Under the Civil Design contract, Golder is the prime contractor and AECOM the sub-contractor. For the ESS contract, Golder is the sub-contractor to AECOM. John's responsibilities include engagement with the PSPC Project Director and the AECOM Project Integration Manager.

John also acts as the Golder Project Sponsor to PSPC on the above listed contracts on the project.

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Chalk River Facility Near-surface Disposal Facility Project – EA
Ontario, Canada

John is the surface water quality component lead (since 2017) involved in the completion and reporting of the water quality assessment for the Environment Impact Study.

Since 2016, John has provided technical support to the client in responses to Federal, Provincial, and community information requests, completion of assessment updates, and attendance at community and regulatory meetings to present and respond to surface water quality issues.

Dominion Diamond Mines Jay and Misery Underground Projects

John was the senior water quality technical lead (2013 to 2020) involved in the completion and reporting of water quality baseline data and the water

Baseline / DAR / Permitting / Monitoring Northwest Territories, Canada	quality assessment for the Developer's Assessment Report (DAR). This work included writing, reviewing, and preparing components of the assessment that involved summarizing the water management plan, describing site mitigation to reduce or eliminate potential Project effects to water quality (and the aquatic receiving environment), and assessing cumulative effects to a key downstream operation. John supported the Golder and Dominion Diamond project team through the MVEIRB and permitting processes, including attendance at technical sessions and regulatory hearings as an expert panel witness for the water quality component. John contributed to the design of the Aquatics Effects Monitoring Program (AEMP) for the Jay Project and worked with the permitting and engineering teams to develop a Total Suspended Sediment Management and Monitoring Plan for the Dyke Construction process.
Fortune Minerals NICO Project **Baseline / EA / Permitting / Monitoring** Northwest Territories, Canada	John was the water quality component lead (2009 to 2014) involved in the completion and reporting of water quality baseline data and water quality assessment for the DAR. The water quality assessment included integrating each of the aquatic components (e.g., hydrology, hydrogeology, sediment quality, aquatic health, and aquatic ecosystems) into the DAR. John participated in the MVEIRB regulatory and the MVLWB permitting processes as an expert panel witness in their respective technical sessions and public hearings. Between 2016 and 2018, John provided project direction supporting the client and project permitting team for aquatics effects monitoring and associated regulatory processes.
SaskPower Elizabeth Falls Project – EA Saskatchewan, Canada	John provided senior review and technical support to the water quality and sediment quality effects assessment component lead and the water quality modelling component lead during the Environmental Assessment process. John also provided technical support to the Golder Project team through the Government and Stakeholder review process (2013 to 2015).
Farim Phosphate Project GB Minerals Ltd – River Morphology and Physical Oceanography Baseline Study Guinea-Bissau	John provided senior review and technical support to the water quality component lead, and to the Golder Project team (2013).
IMG / BP – Contaminants Sampling Program Nunavut, Canada	John provided senior review and technical support to the field and water quality data analysis component leads during the contaminants program (2011 and 2012). This role included technical review of the field program sampling protocols, analytical techniques, and the water quality report.
UTS / Teck Cominco Equinox Project – Water Quality Baseline Study Alberta, Canada	John was the component lead (2008 to 2010) involved in the organization, management and preparation of the water quality and sediment quality baseline study for the Equinox Oil Sands development. John was also responsible for providing support and coordination to the client for the Pilot Plant testing program that will service the UTS/Teck Equinox and Frontier Oil Sands developments.
AREVA Resources – McArthur River Ore	John contributed to the environmental assessment for the transportation of uranium ore slurry along existing provincial highways from the McArthur

Haulage Project Description and EIS Saskatchewan, Canada	River Mine to the McClean Lake Operation for milling at the processing Mill. John worked directly with the client and senior Golder project team to deliver the project description and EIS.
Cameco Corporation – Cigar Lake EA, Saskatchewan, Canada	John contributed to the aquatic effects analysis of the environmental assessment process in the development of an expansion to the Cigar Lake Mine in northern Saskatchewan (2009 and 2010). The expansion included the construction, operation, and decommissioning of two new parallel pipelines that will deliver and discharge treated water from treatment facilities on the site to a single deep-water point in Seru Bay. John contributed to the environmental assessment for the Cigar Lake Mine McArthur River Mine in northern Saskatchewan (2010 and 2011).
Strateco Resources – Water Quality Baseline Study – Matoush Exploration Ramp Project Ontario, Canada	John provided senior review and technical guidance to the water quality component lead for the Project (2009 and 2010).
DIAND-CARD – Tailings Lake Investigation, Colomac Mine Northwest Territories, Canada	John provided senior technical review and guidance to the water quality component lead for the project (2009 and 2010).
Cameco Corporation – Millennium Mine Project Proposal Saskatchewan, Canada	John provided technical support for the environmental assessment process in the development of a project proposal for the Millennium Mine development in northern Saskatchewan (2009). This work included reviewing sections of the draft project description (e.g., detailed project information and the existing environment) with particular emphasis on the screening of potential Project effects to the biophysical environment.

OTHER SELECT PROJECT EXPERIENCE

EPCOR – North Saskatchewan River Environmental Monitoring Program Alberta, Canada	John provides the senior technical review and guidance to the project team for a variety of environmental projects completed for EPCOR (originally the City of Edmonton), which includes the annual Environmental Monitoring Program (EMP). The work that Golder completes for EMP includes undertaking a series of annual monitoring and sample collection programs in the North Saskatchewan River (NSR), municipal as well as storm sewer and combined sewer outfalls, tributaries to the NSR, and stormwater collection ponds and wetlands programs, deriving annual loading estimates of water quality constituent inputs, and preparing two annual reports (since 2007). The role has developed from initially undertaking the data analysis and reporting components for the EMP, to currently providing the senior technical direction for the EMP. John has provided senior technical review and guidance for other related, but standalone, projects, which were conducted for the City of Edmonton, such as the NSR Intensive Intake Monitoring Program, and the Kennedale and Pylypow Wetland Monitoring Programs.
City of Calgary – Bow River Water Quality	John provided senior technical review and guidance in the recommendation of a preferred site location of a remote water quality

Monitoring Station Alberta, Canada	monitoring station on the Bow River downstream of Calgary, and the monitoring infrastructure and equipment required to monitor various water quality parameters in real-time and collect regular, time-based (baseflow) and event-based (stormflow) water samples (2015 to 2017).
Stantec – Wabamun Regional Biomonitoring Program Alberta, Canada	John provided senior review and technical support to the water quality and sediment quality component leads in this program (2009 to 2014, and 2016). The study area included power station cooling ponds, and adjacent localised lakes and streams.
Shell Canada Ltd. – Environmental Gap Analysis / Water Quality Baseline Study, Groundbirch Project, British Columbia, Canada	John provided senior review and technical support to the water quality component for a gap analysis and baseline study for this development (2010 and 2011).

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