



Municipal Water and Wastewater Survey (MWWS)

Environment Canada is conducting the 2006 Municipal Water and Wastewater Survey (MWWS) and requests that you complete it for the Hamlet of Gjoa Haven (Nunavut), population 1,064. The Canadian Water and Wastewater Association (CWWA) encourages all municipalities to respond to this survey, as national information on these services is critical in the development of planning and policy strategies at all levels of government.

The MWWS consists of up to seven short surveys regarding your municipal-level jurisdiction, water and/ or wastewater system, treatment facilities, and financing/pricing. These surveys may require input from the engineering department or facility managers. You can respond online using the MWWS website – see below – or a printable version (PDF) is available online or by request at the contact information immediately below (consult the questionnaire for return instructions).

Please try to submit the completed Municipal Water and Wastewater Survey by **June 15th, 2007**. If you have questions regarding completion of this survey, please contact h2o-info@ec.gc.ca or call (819) 934-6530. We very much appreciate your time.

Online Services

Using this URL (<http://www.ec.gc.ca/water/MWWS>) will bring you to the new MWWS website. This is not only a survey site for data gathering, but also a dissemination site for making the data on water and wastewater available to everyone. It includes tools for searching and reporting, web mapping, and downloading the database (excluding confidential information). The site will remain online after the survey period, as a repository of Canadian municipal water and wastewater information.

If you wish to respond online, simply click on the link above and go to **2006 Survey** in the left hand column of the site. You will need to have the registration code for the Hamlet of Gjoa (Nunavut), which is **LV255**. This is a unique code that must be used by anyone entering information for your jurisdiction. You or others with this code may return to the site as required, in order to complete the survey in multiple sessions. In order to ease your survey response burden, the online forms have the previous survey's data entered, where available, as a default — thus, when responding online, you need only update what has changed.

Background

The MWWS is a Canada-wide (excluding federal lands) survey of public-serving community drinking water and/or wastewater utilities serving at least 100 residents or 50 total connections. It includes a large sample of jurisdictions (i.e., municipalities) with fewer than 1000 residents, and all those with over 1000 residents.

The MWWS has been developed based on (and since 2004 replaces) the Municipal Water Use and Pricing Survey (MUD) which had been conducted every 2 or 3 years since the early 1980s. This is the only national database of general statistics on wastewater and water – its use, treatment and pricing. Water managers across the country have found the data from the survey to be an essential tool when formulating policies and programs regarding water use and infrastructure. A history of the survey can be found online at: <http://www.ec.gc.ca/water/MWWS/en/backgr.cfm>. For the summary results of the 2004 survey, visit: <http://www.ec.gc.ca/water/MWWS/en/publications.cfm>