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**Subject:** Notice of Release of the Minister's Annual Report on Drinking Water 2015, the Chief Drinking Water Inspector's 2014-2015 Annual Report and Drinking Water Data on Ontario.ca / Avis de publication du Rapport annuel 2015 du ministre sur l'eau potable, du Ra

Please be advised that today the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change released the [Minister's Annual Report on Drinking Water 2015](#) and the [Chief Drinking Water Inspector's 2014-2015 Annual Report](#).

The Minister's Annual Report on Drinking Water 2015 showcases the work Ontario is doing to protect our drinking water and water resources while fighting climate change. The Chief Drinking Water Inspector's Annual Report provides an overview of the ministry's progress during 2014-15 and includes in-depth information on the performance of Ontario's drinking water systems and licensed and eligible laboratories. Both reports are available online at [ontario.ca/drinkingwater](http://ontario.ca/drinkingwater).

The reports highlight that Ontario's drinking water continues to be of high quality and is well protected. These findings are supported by our drinking water quality and inspection results. The ministry and its partners are working together and remain committed to protecting the province's drinking water.

Starting this year, drinking water datasets that are used in the Chief Drinking Water Inspector's 2014-2015 Annual Report will also be released on Ontario's Open Data Catalogue when the report is released.

Improving public access to drinking water data supports the government's Open Data Directive to make government data accessible to the public by default. This directive requires Ontario ministries and provincial agencies to publish data unless there are legal, privacy, confidentiality, commercially sensitive or security reasons not to do so. Releasing the data we collect related to drinking water will increasingly become our normal business practice.

Going forward, most datasets will be updated on a quarterly basis so that information is available to the public between annual reports.