

## Fact Sheet

### Special Well-Water Advisory Group (SWAG)

#### Mandate:

The Special Well-Water Advisory Group (SWAG) is an interdepartmental government team led by the Department of Environment and Labour. It was formed in June, 2002, to study the significance of natural, waterborne radionuclides in public well water and to formulate a program to keep Nova Scotians from being exposed to levels that exceed the Canadian Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality.

#### Members:

Name	Title	Department
Pat Wall (Chair)	Senior Radiation Health Officer	Environment & Labour
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#### Objectives:

- To manage the radionuclides in drinking water issue in Nova Scotia.
- To recommend a standard, province-wide testing protocol for radionuclides in well water.
- To develop a communications program to address the testing of drinking water and treatment options.