Minister's Annual Report on Drinking Water 2021 and 2020-21 Chief Drinking Water Inspector Annual Report

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As Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, I'm pleased to release my <u>annual report</u> on drinking water and confirm that Ontario's drinking water continues to be among the best protected in the world.

The 2020-21 data shows that 99.9 per cent of more than 505,000 test results from municipal residential drinking water systems met Ontario's stringent drinking water quality standards.

Today, the ministry also released the <u>Chief Drinking Water Inspector's Annual Report</u>, which provides an overview of the ministry's progress during 2020-21 and includes indepth information on the performance of Ontario's drinking water systems and licensed laboratories. You can also visit <u>ontario.ca</u> to see the supporting <u>drinking water quality</u> and enforcement data.

These reports demonstrate the positive results of Ontario's ongoing actions to help ensure drinking water sources remain secure and reliable.

Effective drinking water protection in all jurisdictions and corners of the province is only possible through collaborative effort. I am very proud of all the work the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks staff are doing with conservation authorities, municipalities, Indigenous communities, the Ontario Clean Water Agency, water associations and the Walkerton Clean Water Centre to keep our drinking water clean and safe, and I thank our partners for their many efforts.

The people of Ontario value safe water to drink, clean air to breathe and well-protected lands and greenspaces. The Government of Ontario is committed to protecting these important environmental resources today and for generations to come.

Sincerely,

David Piccini Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks