



New Tool Provides Real Time Water Use Data In Northeast

The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) has developed the NorthEast Water Tool (NEWT) to support decisions on short-term water use approvals in northeast B.C. The Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) and Geoscience BC partnered with the Commission on the project.

NEWT is a GIS-based decision-support tool providing hydrological information on monthly and annual runoff, representing 30-year average runoff. It also summarizes information of all short-term water use approvals issued by the Commission and all water licenses issued by FLNRO, and provides guidance on environmental flows and potential water availability. This is just one piece of information that can be considered by a statutory decision-maker in making a water allocation determination. It is a public-facing application and is available to all British Columbians.

To access the NEWT webpage and NEWT application, visit www.bcogc.ca/publiczone/newt.

If you would like to attend a training session to learn more about how to use NEWT, please send an email to ogc.communications@bcogc.ca before October 26, 2012. Training sessions are being planned for mid-November, in Fort St. John, Fort Nelson and Dawson Creek.

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