

Evaluating Sector Improvements in Water CEP (October 2017)

Rec #	Recommendation	Implementer(s)	Implementation Target	Latest Status Update (Year provided)	2024 Status	Comments from Latest Update (Please include any new comments in track changes)
1	Major water-using sectors collaborate with the Government of Alberta and other partners including the Alberta Water Council to continue reporting CEP trends and progress. Reporting will occur through the Alberta Water Council at five-year intervals using the performance indicators and baseline data in Appendix C (ongoing).	Major water-using sectors	Ongoing	Pending – to be completed	Implemented – as written	<p>Sectors presented update reports on their water CEP trends and progress to the AWC in 2015. Building on the work of the three completed project teams described below, a fourth team was struck up in October 2015 to evaluate and report on the success of implemented CEP activities. The team evaluated contributions to the three goals of the <i>Water for Life</i> strategy, including the specific aspirational target of improving water use efficiency and productivity by 30% from 2005 levels by 2015. The AWC proposed performance indicators to track the progress of the seven major water-using sectors as they report on future CEP trends. Sectors agreed to collect and collate their data and report to the AWC every five years. The proposed performance indicators for reporting are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • water diversion • return flow • net water use • efficiency (sector-specific) • productivity (sector-specific) <p>Sectors will also be encouraged to share any successes and lessons learned throughout the data collection and reporting process. The AWC will be convening sectors this fall in Edmonton to report on the performance indicators individually and collectively as feasible.</p> <p>Irrigation: continues to monitor progress and undertake regular reporting as data becomes available.</p> <p>AUMA: continues to monitor progress as data comes available from municipalities, the Government of Alberta and Statistics Canada. AUMA is planning to update CEP targets to reflect progress and promote continuous improvement.</p> <p>RMA: As identified through the AWC’s project team process, the RMA continues to support the CEP Plan developed by AUMA as it is more applicable to urban municipalities as a major water using sector. As rural municipalities are not formally a part of the AUMA’s CEP Plan, the RMA continues to share AUMA’s Water Hub as a valuable resource for rural municipalities interested in exploring CEP opportunities. Municipal associations have continued to work with the Government of Alberta to improve the ability to report CEP trends.</p> <p>Forestry: continues to engage with AEP on water related issues but recent proposed changes to effluent limits may put CEP gains in jeopardy. As stated previously in our CEP reports the forest sector will not risk regulatory compliance to meet voluntary water reduction targets.</p> <p>Power Generation: Metrics and methodology have been developed to allow the sector to report on CEP trends and progress at each five-year review.</p> <p>Downstream Petroleum: 5 year update was presented to the AWC in October 2023.</p>
2	Major water-using sectors continue working with the Government of Alberta to resolve existing challenges with the Water Use Reporting System to improve data collection, management and reporting tools to track CEP trends and report progress (ongoing).	Major water-using sectors	Ongoing	Pending – to be completed	Pending – to be completed	<p>Individual sectors provided their own assessments of the status of this recommendation, and some consider it implemented. The overall status on the left reflects that, for some sectors, this recommendation is still considered pending.</p> <p>Irrigation: Implemented (alternative approach). Water Use Reporting for most water licenses held by Irrigation Districts is not completed through the WUR system rather through direct reporting to Alberta Agriculture and through Annual Report publication. Only a few water licenses require entry into the WUR system; barriers encountered were resolved by submitting water use directly to GoA staff.</p> <p>Forestry: Implemented. WURS has not evolved to the point that queries to the system can be accomplished as originally intended.</p> <p>Downstream petroleum: Pending (to be completed). Individual CFA members (WURS users) intend to have these discussions with GoA in the future, but this has not yet happened.</p>

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3	Major water-using sectors raise their members' awareness of the responsibility to report their water use and encourage reporting where appropriate (ongoing).	Major water-using sectors	Ongoing	Pending – to be completed	Implemented – (as written, alternative approach)	<p>Individual sectors provided their own assessments of the status of this recommendation, and some consider it implemented. The overall status on the left reflects that, for some sectors, this recommendation is still considered pending. Sectors convened in 2023 to report on their progress using the mutually agreed upon performance indicators in the 2017 report, through the AWC's forum. A report detailing the findings and summarizing sector updates will be released in 2024.</p> <p>Irrigation: Implemented (alternative approach). Water Use Reporting for water licenses held by Irrigation Districts continues to be reported on an annual basis as has occurred for many years.</p> <p>Forestry: Implemented. Water use reporting is a regulatory requirement.</p> <p>DS petroleum: Implemented (as written). All CFA members already do accurately report water use to WURS as well as Stats Can. See link to CFA Water stewardship webpage: Water - Canadian Fuels Association.</p> <p>Alberta Municipalities and RMA: Implemented. RMA regularly shares updates with members on the implementation of the online DRAS system for water use reporting. This included working with Alberta Environment and Protected Areas to host a webinar for RMA members.</p> <p>Chemical: Implemented. All members (CFA and CIAC) are accurately reporting their water use to StatsCan and GoA.</p> <p>Power Generation: Facility operating approvals contain specific requirements with respect to reporting water use.</p>
4	The Government of Alberta continue working to make the Alberta Water Use Reporting System publicly accessible (ongoing).	Government of Alberta	Ongoing	Implemented: Alternative Approach	Previously Implemented or closed.	<p>AEP developed WURS database query and viewing capability for extracting information. This query/viewer tool is being used internally and is being used by staff to provide data to the public.</p> <p>Developing functionality that would allow for self-serve use by the public is possible within the current tool architecture but is not scheduled for implementation at this time due to limited internal IT resources and overall project priority.</p>