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Chiefs, Council Members, Community Health Directors and Health Leads,

Re: First Nations Health Authority Environmental Contaminants Program

The First Nations Health Authority Environmental Contaminants Program (ECP) supports First Nations community-based projects that explore the link between human health and environmental contaminants. There have been some key changes to the program that are highlighted below:

- **Collaboration & Partnerships Approach:** While we will continue to support individual community projects, we encourage communities with similar concerns to partner and collaborate. We recognize the significant value in investigating common issues together, economies of scale, shared community expertise and learning.
- **Duration:** Projects that span multiple years will be accepted. The duration funded will depend on the expiry date of the health funding agreement held by the community.
- **Funding:** While the maximum budget amount has been removed, proposal budgets must be reasonable and appropriate based on the objectives and activities of the project. Communities should also seek additional sources of funding, including in-kind, to ensure that funding support can be provided to as many projects as possible.

It is important to note that projects related to the Mount Polley Mine tailings storage facility breach will be considered separately from the ECP call for proposal. Questions can be directed to the Manager, Environmental Public Health Services.

The changes above have been made as part of FNHA's increased flexibility in program design, and to address limitations in the former BC First Nations Environmental Contaminants Program. *Please note:* funding under the National First Nations Environmental Contaminants Program is no longer available in British Columbia.

We hope you find these changes to the program of benefit. If you have any suggestions or questions regarding the ECP please do not hesitate to contact us at Environmental.Health@fnha.ca or 604.693.6978.

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