

Rural Drinking Water in Newfoundland and Labrador

Exploring Solutions for Sustainable Rural Drinking Water Systems

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Boiling over

*Almost 80,000 people
are living under boil-water advisories
— 44,000 more than last year*
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The number of people living under boil-water advisories across the province has spiked to 79,396, up from 35,116 people in March 2007.

That's an increase of 126 per cent.

The worsening results of water quality testing comes after the province had seen a steady decline in boil-water advisories during the previous five years.

Currently, there are 255 boil-water advisories in place, compared to a five-year low of 215 last year.

The small community of Gaskiers in St. Mary's Bay — population 302 — is one of the latest towns affected. Officials issued an advisory on Tuesday. Carolann Gibbons, who lives in Gaskiers, wasn't shocked.

"I don't drink (the water) anyway because it's not fit," said Gibbons. "It must be the chlorine or some damn thing. I use it only for washing or bathing or something like that. Sometimes, the colour goes off when it rains. Other times, you can just smell chlorine."

Government officials listed repeated detection of coliform bacteria as the reason behind the Gaskiers advisory.

Gibbons relies on a neighbour's private well for clean water. She paused for a moment when asked how long it's been since she trusted the local water supply.

"Oh my God, a long, long time," she said. "We just don't drink it. It's a bit frustrating because sometimes it's not even fit for washing or anything else."

The Environment Department posts a database of boil-water advisories on its website. An analysis of the database by The Telegram revealed the increase, which was confirmed in a statement this week by Environment Minister Charlene Johnson.

A department spokeswoman said Johnson is getting married this weekend and is unavailable for an interview.

The department attributes the increase to better reporting of problems by communities resulting from repairs to their water systems. The statement also said warmer temperatures and increased water use are causing rising coliform in distribution systems.

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A DIRTY SITUATION



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Patience paying off for Gaultois residents



Water system funding still out of reach

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A crusade for clean



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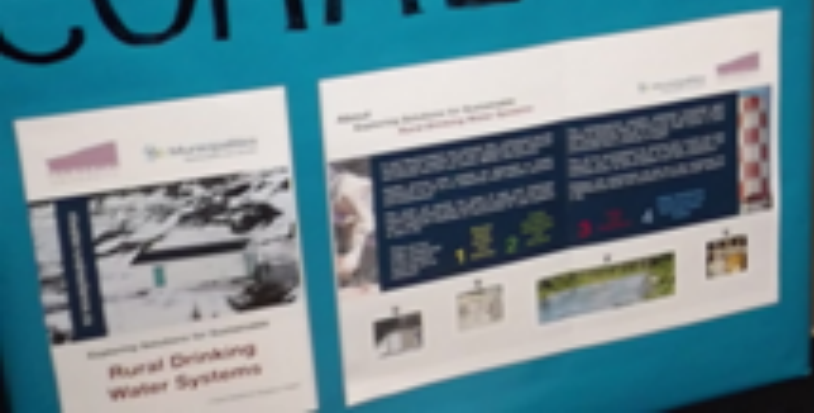
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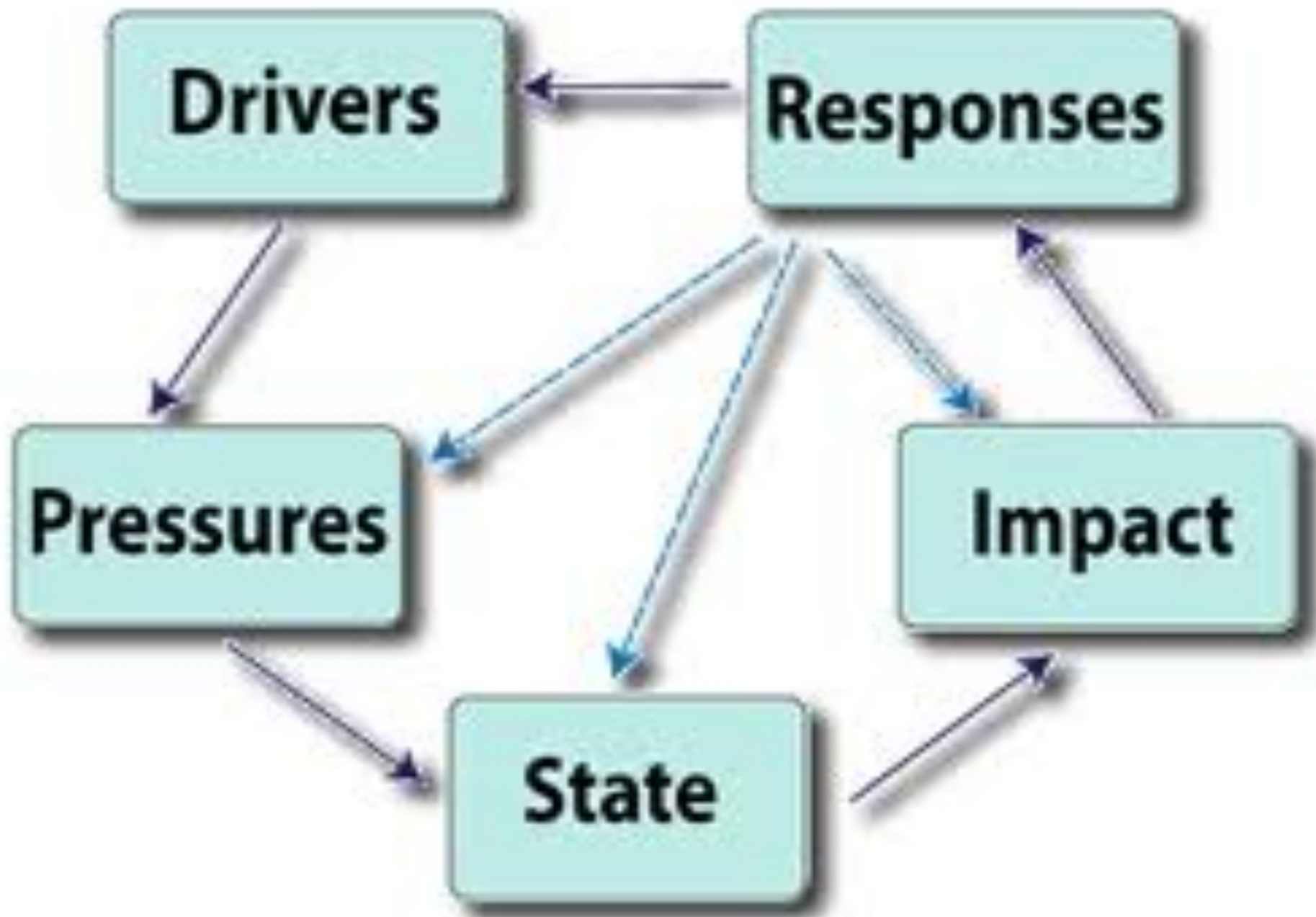
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