

ANSI Committee on Education

Standardization Case Studies

ACCOMPANYING QUESTION AND ANSWER WORKSHEET

As appropriate, please suggest recommended study, test or quiz questions / answers to accompany the case study proposed above.

Proposed Question	What was the main cause of illness and death in Walkerton in 2000?
Proposed Answer	Citizens became ill from e-coli introduced into the water system
	when farm manure got into a well system. The local authority provided inadequate management of chlorine dosing, monitoring,
	and testing.

How could this have been prevented?
The Owners and Operating Authority needed better management
practices. The provincial government needed to create tougher
legislation for the authorities in charge of drinking water, as they
ultimately did by referencing the CSA DWQMS into law.

Proposed Question	Where is the CSA Drinking Water Quality Management Standard referenced in Ontario?
Proposed Answer	The Safe Drinking Water Act 2000

Proposed Question	Are there other provinces/jurisdictions/countries that have
	similar regulations and guidelines on drinking water quality?

Many other governments have drinking water regulations. For
example, the Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement
Act contains the Potable Water Regulation. The World Health
Organization has international guidelines, and many municipalities
also enforce regulations for this growing and important issue.