

CIWESS SOCIO-ECONOMIC SEMINAR SERIES

Concordia University, Montreal, QC

Talk scheduled from 4:00 p.m. to 5:10 p.m., Location: EV 3.309

'Safeguarding your drinking water through preventive actions'

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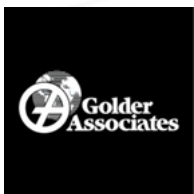
Sylvain Boudrias, P.Eng., MBA, President, Darspec

Biography: Sylvain Boudrias, P. Eng., MBA, is the founding president of Darspec where he currently leads the engineering team. A graduate of Concordia University with a Bachelor's degree in Engineering, Sylvain is a recognized expert in water safety and security and he advises several companies and Canadian municipalities on Cross-Connection Engineering. As a certified AWWA trainer, he has trained hundreds of backflow device testers

across Quebec. From 2009 to 2015, he worked as the Certification Officer and Technical Consultant for the AWWA Quebec Section. He also served as the section representative to the AWWA Canadian Coordinating Cross-Connections Control Committee where he is still acting as a consultant. In June 2015, Sylvain was recognized by the industry and he was awarded the AWWA's prestigious George Warren Fuller Prize. Since October 2015, Sylvain is a member of the AWWA Cross Connection Control committee.

Abstract: Many efforts are being made every day by municipalities to produce high quality drinking water. Once distributed, drinking water is at risk of contamination due to the presence of unprotected cross connections in buildings.

This seminar covers the consequences of drinking water contamination on human health and business productivity as well as to provide information to avoid potential disasters.



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Since the law mandates that water supplied to building users must be healthy and safe for human consumption, buildings owners and municipalities must be aware of the regulations in order to avoid possible prosecution or civil litigation.

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