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Internationally Recognized Water Research Chair Leaving U of S

Dr. Monique Dubé, a Canada Research Chair in Aquatic Ecosystem Health Diagnosis announces she will be leaving the University of Saskatchewan effective September 1, 2011. Monique began her Saskatchewan career at the National Hydrology Research Centre of Environment Canada in 2000 and was recruited for the Chair in 2005 which was successfully renewed for a further five year term in 2010 due to her efforts. Dr. Dubé is internationally renowned for her research in integrated water resource management, water health assessment and cumulative effects. Her THREATS approach for Canadian waters is unique in the world focusing on improving access to water health information and managing watersheds towards sustainability. She has acquired over \$16 million in research funding for the U of S, published over 180 contributions, has trained over 75 staff and students, gives over 100 presentations around the world each year, and serves on advisory panels for national and international (including United Nations) agencies including monitoring associated with Alberta's oil sands. She has served in several committee roles at the U of S including her work on the University Animal Care Committee which she thoroughly enjoyed.

In addition to being a Canada Research Chair, Dr. Dubé is the recipient of numerous awards, most recently a 2011 YWCA Women of Distinction Award (Science, Technology or Research), a 2011 Canadian Geographic Scientist of the Year Award, Scientist of the Month (Saskatchewan Science Network), Environmental Champion (Saskatchewan Eco-Network) and received a highly prestigious National NSERC Synergy Award for working with industry. Monique is known as "a consensus builder, a motivator and a leader", works with many First Nations communities and her motto is "Science for Service". She is an accomplished musician and multi-sport endurance athlete and a devoted wife and mother. Monique recently raised almost \$7,000 for Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan in her effort to kayak 1600 km on the Yukon River. Monique is also passionate about ensuring a level playing field for women in academia and science and has conducted significant research into the barriers and challenges women face in this field, solutions towards their elimination, and institutional accountability.

Monique thanks her staff and students for their exceptional efforts and contributions and her research funders for their long term support of her values and ideas. Monique will remain a Science Director at the Canadian Rivers Institute (University of New Brunswick) and her THREATS software (www.threatscanada.ca) has been migrated to the Institute for national dissemination and greater availability for Canadians interested in managing, understanding and protecting our waters. She has also accepted a position as the Environmental Risk Management Research Lead for Water with Total E&P Canada Ltd. in Calgary, Alberta. In this role she will work with a team to develop and coordinate industrially supported research in the oil sands to reduce environmental impact and promote improved environmental performance. She believes it is only through understanding all sides of an issue that true progress can be made. Finally, Monique will continue to pursue avenues to eliminate barriers for women in academia and science in her new leadership role in Alberta. Dr. Dubé can be contacted at monique.dube@threatscanada.ca.