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## ABOUT THE COVER



In southwest Alaska, 82% of Alaska Native residents reported that at least some of their drinking water comes from untreated sources, even though their villages have treated drink-

ing water available from a centralized source. The authors of this month's cover feature, "Consuming Untreated Water in Four Southwestern Alaska Native Communities: Reasons Revealed and Recommendations for Change," sought to find out why residents choose to drink untreated water when treated water is available. The authors then recommend specific interventions—based on reasons given by residents—focusing on both the benefits of drinking treated water and risks from drinking untreated water.

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