

November 26, 2008

North Valley Waterline Cooperative Ltd.
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Dear Board Members:

RE: Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory for North Valley Water Pipeline

As is required by regulation, your Operator recently advised the Ministry of Environment (MoE) that chlorine residuals have decreased below regulatory levels as a result of low water consumption during the fall and winter months. Regulations require the North Valley Waterline Co-op to maintain a minimum of 0.1mg/l free chlorine or 0.5mg/l total chlorine throughout the distribution system. Although there has been no indication of problems associated with bacteria in the water, the potential for contamination exists. Therefore, effective today, (MoE) is issuing a **Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory (PDWA)** for the users of North Valley Waterline Co-operative's potable water system.

We ask the Board to notify all users of the drinking water that they boil the water used for consumption purposes for at least one minute prior to use.

Attached is a copy of a poster that you may distribute to users of the system.

MoE will rescind this advisory once the chlorine levels of the treated water improves and is maintained continually above 0.1 mg/l free chlorine or 0.5mg/l total chlorine.

MoE will continue to work with the Board to resolve this issue and will carry out regular follow up until we rescind the "Advisory."

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Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (306) 694-3586.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure

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Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory

This **Advisory** applies to all users of the North Valley Waterline Cooperative Water System and is effective immediately.

Pursuant to clause 32(1)(a) of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2002* this Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory is issued due to low chlorine residuals in the distribution system, and therefore the safety of the North Valley Waterline Cooperative's drinking water supply cannot be ensured at all times. Therefore, pursuant to clause 32(1)(b) of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2002*, consumers must be notified to:

- (a) Boil all water, used for drinking purposes , for at least 1 minute, prior to use;
- (b) Boil water to be used for other activities where it may be ingested;
 - i. Brushing teeth or soaking false teeth
 - ii. Washing fruits or vegetables
 - iii. Food or drink which will not be subsequently heated
 - iv. Ice cubes
- (c) Under most circumstances, not need to boil water used for other household purposes. People may use the water for washing and bathing, but should avoid swallowing the water. Dishes and laundry may be washed in tap water, either by hand or by machine.
- (d) Use an alternative water source known to be safe, if they do not wish to boil the water;

For More information Contact:

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