



Ministry of  
Environment

## Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory

This Advisory applies to all residents and users located in the Village of Shell Lake, effective immediately, May 3, 2010.

Pursuant to clause 32(1)(a) of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act 2002* this Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory is issued due to the lack of a certified water treatment and distribution operator. As a result the safety of the Village of Shell Lake'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 one (1) minute, at a rolling boil, prior to use;
- (b) boil water to be used for other activities where it may be ingested, including:
  - (i) brushing teeth or soaking false teeth;
  - (ii) dishwashing, unless sanitized in another fashion;
  - (iii) washing fruits and vegetables;
  - (iv) food or drink which will not be subsequently heated;
  - (v) ice cubes;
- (c) not drink from any public drinking fountains supplied with water from the public water supply;
- (d) under most circumstances, not need to boil water used for other household purposes. Adults, adolescents and older children may shower, bathe or wash using tap water but should avoid swallowing the water. Laundry may be washed in tap water, either by hand or by machine.
- (e) ensure that younger children and infants are sponge bathed;
- (f) use an alternative water source known to be safe, if they do not wish to boil the water; and
- (g) consult with your physician if you have cuts or rashes that are severe before using the water.

If you require any additional information, please contact the following:

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