

September 29, 2021

Village of Vibank Box 204 Vibank, Sk S0G 4Y0

Dear Waterworks Owner/Operator:

This letter is to advise you that a **Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory (PDWA) will be placed on** the residents of the Village of Vibanks's distribution system, and is at 6:30 pm, September 29th, 2021 until further notice.

Water Security Agency protocol, in consultation with Saskatchewan Health Authority, is to place water distribution systems under a PDWA when a water main repair results in a depressurization until such a time as the water within the entire water distribution system is proven safe for human consumptive use. This PDWA remains in effect until the safety of the Village of Vibank's distributed water can be ensured. Therefore the administration shall notify all affected users of the portion of the drinking water distribution system of the conditions in the attached PDWA.

This advisory can be rescinded following:

- 1) The repair work has been completed and the water main is disinfected, pressurized, and flushed, according to applicable standards.
- 2) The chlorine residuals and turbidity results are within the regulated limits
- 3) The receipt of two consecutive sets of three (6 total) bacteriological samples collected one day apart that are negative for bacteriological growth in the final treated potable water being supplied throughout the distribution system. Samples are to be marked as "Other"

Thank you for your cooperation in this regard. For further information please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (306) 230-3254.

Sincerely,

Lee Reinhart

Environmental Project Officer

cc: Roger Miller, Water Security Agency

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Saskatchewan Health Authority - Regina Office



Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory

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Pursuant to clause 36(1)(a) of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act 2010* this Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory is issued due to a water hydrant repair resulting in a depressurization and therefore the safety of the drinking water supply cannot be ensured at all times. Therefore, pursuant to Clause 36(1)(b) of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act 2010*, 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; and
 - (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.

Under most circumstances, there is no 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.

This Advisory is effective on the <u>date and time listed above</u>, and will not be lifted until the water supply is determined to be completely safe.

Residents and operators of public facilities may access detailed precautions for PDWAs/EBWOs online at: www.saskhealthauthority.ca/facilities-locations/roy-romanov-provincial-laboratory/water-testing-public

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

Village of Vibank306 - 762 - 2130Water Security Agency – EMMS Division306 - 539 - 4188Sask Heath Authority, Regina Office306 - 766 - 7755

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