



# REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

## Media Release

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### Boil Water Notice & Leak Detection Work for the Duhamel Water System

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Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is issuing a **Boil Water Notice** for users on **the Duhamel Water System beginning May 27<sup>th</sup> to perform system maintenance**. The system is located in the community of Duhamel on the north shore of the west arm of Kootenay Lake approximately 13 km northeast of Nelson. Duhamel is within RDCK Electoral Area F.

The **BOIL WATER NOTICE** is being issued as a precautionary measure due to **leak detection work planned for May 27<sup>th</sup> to May 29<sup>th</sup>**. The work will require depressurization of water mains that will create a potential for backflow of contaminants to enter the water system. The Boil Water Notice will remain in effect until acceptable water quality results are obtained from two consecutive bacteriological tests completed on the distribution system.

The Regional District is **asking customers to refrain from using water between 8:00 am – 4:30 pm** as operators isolate sections of water main to determine leak location. Service interruptions will also occur during these times. Users on the system are asked to plan ahead by filling containers of water each evening prior to May 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>. Consumption level chlorine will be added to the system as an additional precautionary measure until Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

The RDCK and Interior Health recommend that all customers drink boiled water or a safe alternative until the Notice is rescinded. Water intended for drinking, washing fruits and vegetables, making beverages or ice, or brushing teeth should be boiled for one minute. Boiled water should then be refrigerated in a clean, covered container. Customers could also choose to use bottled or distilled water.

Owners of all public facilities must post a **BOIL WATER NOTICE** at all sinks or drinking water fountains accessible to the public (alternatively, public fountains and taps may be turned off). As opportunities arise, they must also advise their clientele verbally of the **BOIL WATER NOTICE**.

We apologize for any inconvenience this might cause, and appreciate your cooperation and patience during this time. **For more information contact the RDCK 250-352-8192 or visit our website at [www.rdck.ca/water](http://www.rdck.ca/water).**

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