



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

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For Immediate Release

Water Quality Advisory issued for the Riondel Water System

Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) has issued a **Water Quality Advisory** for users on **the Riondel Water System**. The system is located in the community of Riondel, on the east shore of Kootenay Lake with access off of Highway 3A. Riondel is within RDCK Electoral Area A.

The **WATER QUALITY ADVISORY** has been issued due to a water main break resulting in low reservoir levels, impacting the effectiveness of chlorine disinfection through decreased contact time. Reservoir levels have since recovered and the break identified and isolated. The notice has been issued as a precautionary measure because of the reduction of chlorine's ability to remove or inactivate viruses for a short period of time.

While health risks are considered low, the RDCK recommends that children, the elderly, people with weakened immune systems, and anyone seeking additional protection drink boiled water or a safe alternative until further notice. For these at-risk populations, water intended for drinking, washing fruits or 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, or water that has been filtered through a well-maintained treatment device.

Owners of all public facilities must post a **WATER QUALITY ADVISORY** 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 **WATER QUALITY ADVISORY**.

The RDCK will be taking measures to reduce risk; water quality will be monitored and the public will be notified when the RDCK is able to lift the **WATER QUALITY ADVISORY**.

We apologize for any inconvenience this might cause, and appreciate your cooperation and patience during this time. **For more information contact the RDCK 250-352-8171 or visit our website at www.rdck.ca/water.**

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