



Media Release

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Water Quality Advisory issued for the Erickson Water System

Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) has issued a **Water Quality Advisory** for users on the Erickson Water System. The system is located in Erickson just outside the eastern border of Creston, crossing the boundary of RDCK Electoral Areas B and C.

The **Water Quality Advisory** has been issued as a result of below-target chlorine residual levels due to high chlorine demand from heavy rains increasing dissolved organics (colour) in the water. This advisory is being issued as a precautionary measure. The RDCK has been flushing the distribution system, collecting bacteriological samples, and testing for chlorine residual in the distribution system to monitor water quality, and will continue to do so until the advisory is able to be lifted. UV disinfection and membrane filtration treatment components of the Arrow Creek water treatment facility continue to operate as designed.

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 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) 352-8161 or visit our website at www.rdck.ca/water.**

Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit www.rdck.ca.

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