



GREATER VERNON WATER  
and DISTRICT OF COLDSTREAM

## MEDIA RELEASE



For immediate release  
January 21, 2010, 4:00 p.m.

### Antwerp Springs Water Source

As of 4:00 p.m. today, the Regional District of North Okanagan, the District of Coldstream and the Interior Health Authority are pleased to announce that the “**Do Not Drink Water**” Notice is now downgraded to a “**Boil Water**” Notice for those residents living east of Murphy Road and Highway 6. In consultation with Interior Health Authority, an Action Plan is being developed that sets out the framework necessary for a further change in status for customers east of Murphy Road.

Effective January 22, 2010, the utility will supply Duteau Creek water to all of the residents that are on the Antwerp Springs water source. Notices being **hand delivered** this evening to each home contain instructions on household flushing procedures prior to any household water use. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THE HOUSEHOLDS IN THE AFFECTED AREA USE WATER FROM THEIR HOUSEHOLD FOR ANY PURPOSES OTHER THAN FLUSHING TOILETS UNTIL THE PROCEDURES IN THE NOTICE ARE COMPLETED.**

For customers east of Murphy Road, emergency water remains available at the Lavington Fire Hall on a self-serve basis from a water truck until 7:00 p.m., on Friday, January 22. Disposable plates and cutlery will also be available. Residents are asked to supply their own water containers, and a security guard is on location if residents require any assistance. Water along with disposable plates and cutlery will no longer be available for pick up at the Lavington Fire Hall after that time.

The shower facilities at the Wesbild Centre remain available until 5:00 p.m., January 22 for use by residents of the affected area. The Wesbild Centre is located at 3445 – 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in Vernon. Enter at either the “Player” or “Main” entrance and proceed to the lower floor, where directions are posted to the shower rooms. Bring your own towels and toiletries.

For residents west of Murphy Road at Highway 6, the “**Water Quality Advisory**” Notice remains in effect.

If you have any questions, please contact Greater Vernon Water at 250-550-3700. Staff will be available on January 21, 2010 for inquiries until 10:00 p.m. Please check the website for information and further updates at [www.rdno.ca](http://www.rdno.ca) or [www.districtofcoldstream.ca](http://www.districtofcoldstream.ca).

*“Interior Health’s Medical Health Officer Dr. Rob Parker commends the Regional District of North Okanagan, District of Coldstream, Greater Vernon Water staff and emergency personnel for their response during the course of Antwerp Springs well contamination event. Protection of the public’s health is the primary concern, and Interior Health continues to work closely with all parties to review the actions taken and progress made to date.”*

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