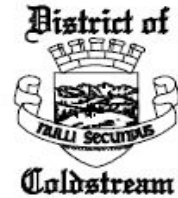




GREATER VERNON WATER
and DISTRICT OF COLDSTREAM

MEDIA RELEASE



For immediate release
January 22, 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 advise the "**Boil Water**" Notice remains in effect for those residents living east of Murphy Road and Highway 6. In consultation with Interior Health Authority, an Action Plan is being developed to further change in status for customers east of Murphy Road.

Effective January 22, 2010, the utility is supplying Duteau Creek water to all of the residents that were on the Antwerp Springs water source. The notices **hand delivered** to each home contained instructions on household flushing procedures which should be followed 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. This service will be available tonight until 7pm and throughout the weekend from 8am until 8pm. Residents are asked to supply their own water containers, and a security guard is on location if residents require any assistance.

RDNO/GVW and the District of Coldstream have not endorsed persons / companies or provided staff to do household flushing. If approached please check for ID and credentials.

If you have any questions, please contact Greater Vernon Water at 250-550-3700. Staff will be available for inquires throughout the weekend from 8:00 am until 4:30 p.m. Please check the website for information and further updates at www.rdno.ca or 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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