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Duteau Creek Water Supply **WATER QUALITY UPDATE**

Regional District of North Okanagan – Greater Vernon Water (RDNO-GVW) and Interior Health Authority (IHA) advises that **ALL** customers on the **Duteau Creek Water Supply** continue to remain on a **Water Quality Advisory**. **Note:** This includes customers in the Lavington / Coldstream area formerly on the Antwerp Springs Water Supply. The water quality has a “**FAIR**” rating.

Why is there a notification?

IHA sets the highest water quality requirements in BC. It requires that water purveyors notify customers when the average daily turbidity is above 1 NTU. This measurement is used to indicate the amount of particles in water that scatter and/or absorb light. Particles in the water may interfere with the disinfection process. For information check the daily Turbidity Index and Get to know your Water Source at <http://www.greatervernon.ca/index.php?p=2.17>



What does a FAIR rating mean?

A fair warning means that some customers should be careful when ingesting the water.

Who should take precautions?

These sensitive customers with:

- weakened immune systems
- the elderly
- children
- or anyone wanting additional protection

What should these customers do?

For these customers, water intended for the following uses should be boiled for one (1) minute:

- drinking
- washing fruits and vegetables
- making beverages or ice
- brushing teeth

When will this Advisory be lifted?

The turbidity in the water is the result of an environmental process that is difficult to predict. The Greater Vernon Master Water Plan is proceeding with long term plans to reduce the number of water quality advisories and boil water notices. We are continuously monitoring the water quality and the public will be notified if conditions change.

If you have any questions, please contact our office or check our websites at www.rdno.ca or www.greatervernon.ca for notifications, and updates.

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