



## REGIONAL DISTRICT of NORTH OKANAGAN

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COLDSTREAM, BC – East Kalamalka Lake Intake, Abandoned for Domestic Water Use

The Regional District of North Okanagan – Greater Vernon Water Utility (RDNO-GVWU) and Interior Health are informing customers that as of April 29, 2011 the East Kalamalka Lake Intake (Coldstream Creek Road Pump Station) will no longer be used for domestic water use. Customers will now receive their water from the Duteau Creek Water Treatment Plant. This change of water source will affect approximately 473 connections or 1000 residents in the District of Coldstream.

### ***What are the changes?***

The RDNO-GVWU has focused on water treatment improvements for the past seven years. The East Kalamalka Lake Intake was treated by chlorine only and therefore did not meet Interior Health's water quality objectives for water quality improvement. The North Kalamalka Lake Intake has undergone pump upgrades plus disinfection improvements with Ultra Violet light (UV) technology. The other major source for RDNO-GVWU is Duteau Creek which is now treated with a Dissolved Air Flootation technology.

To provide sustainable water for the community, other water sources including the East Kalamalka Lake Intake, King Edward and Antwerp wells are being dedicated to irrigation water and will not be treated to drinking water quality.

If you have any questions, please contact our office or check our website at [www.rdno.ca](http://www.rdno.ca) for Water Quality updates.

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