Boil Water Notice for Star Place Water Customers

The Regional District of Central Okanagan has upgraded a precautionary Water Quality Advisory issued last month to a Boil Water Notice for residents served by the small Star Place Water System in the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area.

The notice affects eight properties connected to the community water system on Star Place off Trepanier Road near the Okanagan Connector (Hwy 97-C).

Higher turbidity in the water system sources has resulted in a poor rating. The health risk posed to particularly at risk populations such as newborns, the elderly and people with weakened immune systems increases as turbidity levels rise. Turbidity can interfere with disinfection, limiting chlorine’s ability to remove or inactivate viruses, bacteria and parasites. Current turbidity levels exceed the standard recommended in the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality.

Until further notice the Regional District and Interior Health recommend that all Star Place water customers drink boiled water or a safe alternative. Water intended for drinking, preparing food and washing fruits and vegetables to be eaten raw, making beverages, ice or mixing baby formula, or brushing teeth should be boiled for at least one minute.

Until the Boil Water Notice is rescinded Interior Health recommends the following water purification procedures:

1. Boil water for one minute (rolling boil) or,
2. Use an alternate supply of water or commercially bottled water.

This Boil Water Notice will be downgraded or rescinded when turbidity levels return to normal operating levels within acceptable Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water quality.

For information visit the Regional District website water system webpage (regionaldistrict.com/water) or contact RDCO Environmental Services at engineer@cord.bc.ca or 250-469-6241. To subscribe online for Regional District water quality advisories or alerts by email visit regionaldistrict.com/water.

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Links to Interior Health Information:
Water Advisories and Notifications
www.interiorhealth.ca/YourEnvironment/DrinkingWater/Pages/AdvisoriesNotifications.aspx
Turbidity
Drinking Water
www.interiorhealth.ca/YourEnvironment/DrinkingWater/Pages/default.aspx