

## GLENMORE-ELLISON IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT UPGRADING WATER QUALITY ADVISORY TO BOIL WATER NOTICE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

March 10, 2017

## THIS BOIL WATER NOTICE ONLY EFFECTS RESIDENTS IN THE ELLISON AREA

In consultation with the Interior Health Authority, the Glenmore-Ellison Improvement District (GEID) has issued a BOIL WATER NOTICE (BWN) for all water users within the Ellison service area. The affected area includes all properties serviced by GEID which are located east of Old Vernon Road, including all areas north of Anderson Road. This also includes the Country Rhodes and Country View Estates Stratas.

GEID's customers will be notified when the BOIL WATER NOTICE is rescinded.

The Interior Health Authority makes the following recommendation: "that all customers drink boiled water or a safe alternative until further notice. Water intended for drinking, washing fruits and vegetables, making beverages or ice, or brushing teeth should be boiled for one minute. Boiled water should then be refrigerated in a clean, covered container. Customers could also choose to use bottled or distilled water, or water that has been filtered through a well-maintained treatment device.

"Health risks increase as turbidity rises, particularly for at-risk populations such as newborns, the elderly, and people with weakened immune systems. Contaminants such as viruses, bacteria, and parasites can attach themselves to the suspended particles in turbid water. These particles can then interfere with disinfection, limiting chlorine's ability to remove or inactivate the contaminants.

"Owners of all public facilities must post Boil Water Notices at all sinks or drinking water fountains accessible to the public (alternatively, public fountains and taps may be turned off). As opportunities arise, they must also advise their clientele verbally of the Boil Water Notice."

The Glenmore-Ellison Improvement District apologizes for any inconvenience this might cause our customers and appreciates your cooperation and patience during this time.

If you have any further questions, please contact the GEID office at 250-763-6506.

Sincerely,
GLENMORE-ELLISON
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Ian Wilks, General Manager