



May 18, 2017

McKinley Landing Water System Water Quality Advisory (WQA)

Only for water users within the McKinley Landing Area Including all properties on Shayler Rd, Pl & Crt and the McKinley Beach Development areas of Glenmore-Ellison Improvement District (GEID)

In accordance with Interior Health Authority guidelines, Glenmore-Ellison Improvement District (GEID) has issued a WQA for residents in the McKinley Landing area effective 12pm on Thursday, May 18, 2017. This advisory does not affect residents in the Glenmore, Quail Ridge, UBCO, Dry Valley Road, or Ellison areas, who remain under a WQA. The Ellison area remains under a Boil Water Notice (BWN) due to elevated turbidity levels > 5 NTU. GEID has been monitoring turbidity levels during the spring freshet and provides current turbidity levels on our website: www.glenmore-ellison.com.

Due to an increase in the Okanagan Lake / Dewdney Rd Pump Station turbidity > 1 NTU, extra precautions should be taken for the residents in McKinley Landing until the WQA is removed.

Why has this WQA been issued?

In 2006, Interior Health Authority (IHA) rolled out their Turbidity Notification Program. This program required that water suppliers issue a WQA at any time the drinking water exceeded 1 NTU. The water in the McKinley Landing distribution system is considered to have a FAIR rating on IHA's Turbidity Index, based on turbidity levels in excess of 1 NTU.

What does a FAIR rating mean?

Health risk increases as turbidity levels rise, particularly for at-risk populations.

Who should be careful, and who is considered at-risk?

- children (0-12 years of age)
- the elderly (65 years of age and older)
- people with weakened immune systems (if unsure consult with a physician)

What should at-risk populations do?

*As a precaution, water should be boiled for **one minute** prior to consumption or use by members of the at-risk population. Boiled water should then be refrigerated in a clean, covered container and is intended for the following uses:*

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

Alternatively, customers could choose to use bottled or distilled water, or water that has been filtered through a well-maintained treatment device.

Owners of public facilities must post Water Quality Advisories 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 Water Quality Advisory.

If you have any questions, please contact GEID at 250-763-6506 or visit: www.glenmoreellison.com.

The District apologizes for any inconvenience this might cause our customers.

Sincerely,

**GLENMORE-ELLISON
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**