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## WATER QUALITY ADVISORY

### ALL SAGE MESA WATER SYSTEM USERS

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The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen is issuing a Water Quality Advisory for the entire Sage Mesa water system, effective immediately. This is in response to turbidity levels in Okanagan Lake increasing above **1 NTU** with the recent heavy rain fall. The **Interior Health Authority's** turbidity response plan requires a Water Quality Advisory to be in place for all system users when turbidity levels increase above 1 NTU. This Advisory will remain in effect until further notice.



#### What is a Water Quality Advisory?

A Water Quality Advisory is a level of notification below a Boil Water Notice. A Water Quality Advisory is used in situations where the general public health threat is modest.

#### Who may need additional protection?

- People with weakened immune systems
- Infants and children
- The elderly
- People with chronic illnesses
- People wishing to seek additional protection

#### Precautionary Instructions

Those individuals seeking additional protection are advised to use a safe alternate source of water or to boil water for all drinking, infant formula preparation, brushing teeth, food preparation/cooking purposes and ice making. Water should be brought to a full boil and allowed to boil for at least 1 minute.

The RDOS would also like to remind all business owners/operators (bed and breakfasts) and public facilities operators that it is the responsibility of said establishments to notify their customers of the Water Quality Advisory.

For further information, please contact the Public Works Department at (250) 490-4106 or (250) 490-4135.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Send an email to [info@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:info@rdos.bc.ca) and remember to include your name and address to receive future email notifications.