From the desk of: Timothy Roberts - Director, Electoral Area "G" (Keremeos Rural/Hedley)



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Honourable George Heyman Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy PO Box 9047 Stn Prov Govt Rm 112, Parliament Buildings Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Heyman:

Re: Request to assess for contamination near Hedley well house

I am following up on our August 30, 2023, meeting in Hedley regarding contamination of the community's water source.

As you will recall, the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen requested an assessment of the area around the Hedley well house. The mining activity in close proximity to Hedley's water source may be related to the periodic excessively high levels of arsenic found in the drinking water. Additionally, an abandoned mining effluent pond and a nearby cyanide dump may also be contaminating the water.

I am once again requesting an assessment to determine the safety of Hedley's drinking water. Please let me know if I can provide you with additional information to expedite my request.

Sincerely,

Director Tim Roberts Electoral Area "G"

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