



# PRESS RELEASE

## WATER QUALITY ADVISORY

### SUN VALLEY WATER SYSTEM USERS

MAY 3, 2018

Under the direction of the Interior Health Authority the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen is reissuing the **Water Quality Advisory** for elevated turbidity in the **Sun Valley** water system.

A Water Quality Advisory for turbidity was issued on April 7<sup>th</sup> due to pump issues that were suspected to disturb sediments in the water mains. The April 7<sup>th</sup> Advisory was rescinded earlier this week (May 1<sup>st</sup>) since the pumping issues had been corrected, however subsequent water testing this week has indicated that the turbidity is again elevated. The reason for this increase in turbidity is unknown at this time.

This **Water Quality 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.

May 3, 2018  
RDOS Public Works Department

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