



October 11, 2022

Town of Gravelbourg
Box 359
GRAVELBOURG, SK S0H 1X0

Dear Waterworks Owner/Operator:

This letter is to advise you that a **Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory (PDWA)** will be placed on a portion of the Town of Gravelbourg's water distribution system (All residence and institutions between 100 1st Avenue West and 333 1st Avenue West as well as 110, 112 and 118 Main Street ONLY) and is effective at 8:00am on Tuesday October 11th, 2022, until further notice. **This advisory has now been expanded to include 1st Avenue East from Magnan Street to the West end of Main Street, 100 – 263 1st Avenue East and Somerset Street South of 1st Avenue as well as Notre Dame Street.**

Water Security Agency (WSA) protocol, in consultation with Saskatchewan Health Authority, is to place water distribution systems under a PDWA when there is a depressurization due to water valve repairs, until such time as the water within the water distribution system is proven safe for human consumptive use. This PDWA remains in effect until the safety of the Town of Gravelbourg's distributed water can be ensured. Therefore, the administration shall notify all affected users of the water distribution system of the conditions in the attached PDWA poster.

This PDWA can be rescinded by the WSA once the following is completed:

- 1) Repairs are complete and the lines have been flushed according to applicable standards.
- 2) Chlorine residuals are at acceptable levels throughout the distribution system.
- 3) The receipt of **two consecutive sets of three (6 total)** bacteriological samples, collected **24 hours apart** from representative locations within the area of the water distribution system affected, which are analyzed and found to be negative for bacteriological presence. Samples are to be **marked as "Other"** and labeled with the appropriate station number in order to expedite their processing. These samples will not count towards sampling compliance.

For further information please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (306) 551 - 9412.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rod Broughton".

Sincerely,
Rod Broughton
Environmental Project Officer

cc: Roger Miller - Manager, Water Security Agency
Saskatchewan Health Authority, Moose Jaw

Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory

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Pursuant to clause 36(1)(a) of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010* this Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory is issued due to a depressurization for water valve repairs and therefore the safety of the drinking water supply cannot be ensured at all times. Therefore, pursuant to Clause 36(1)(b) of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010*, consumers must be notified to:

- (a) boil all water, used for drinking purposes, for at least one (1) minute, at a rolling boil, prior to use;
- (b) boil water to be used for other activities where it may be ingested, including:
 - (i) brushing teeth or soaking false teeth;
 - (ii) washing fruits and vegetables;
 - (iii) food or drink which will not be subsequently heated; and
 - (iv) ice cubes;
- (c) not use the water for washing dishes, unless the water has been boiled or the dishes are sanitized in another fashion. Washed dishes and utensils can be soaked in a bleach water solution (approximately 2 tablespoons of bleach per gallon or 10 ml of bleach per liter of water) for at least two minutes after being washed to kill any bacteria which may be present.

Note: **Do not mix bleach with soaps or detergents.**

- (d) not drink from any public drinking fountains supplied with water from the public water supply;
- (e) ensure that younger children and infants are sponge bathed;
- (f) use an alternative water source known to be safe, if they do not wish to boil the water; and
- (g) consult with your physician if you have cuts or rashes that are severe before using the water.

Under most circumstances, there is no need to boil water used for other household purposes. Adults, adolescents and older children may shower, bathe or wash using tap water but should avoid swallowing the water. Laundry may be washed in tap water, either by hand or by machine.

This Advisory is effective on the **date and time listed above and** will not be lifted until the water supply is determined to be completely safe.

If you require any additional information, please contact the following:

Town of Gravelbourg	306 – 648- 3301
Water Security Agency – EMMS Division	306 – 551- 9412
Sask Health Authority, Moose Jaw Office	306 – 691- 2300

For media inquiries, please contact comm@wsask.ca and request to speak to a media spokesperson. Please be sure to identify your name, media outlet and contact information.

Rod Broughton – Environmental Project Officer
Water Security Agency