

ORDER OF AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER Boil Water Order

To: Big Lakes County
"the Owner"

RE: The Drinking Water Supply located in Big Lakes County, Alberta and municipally described as: 17030 Township Road 740 Riverbend Water Co-op (supplying the following areas: Riverbend pumphouse in the Gilwood area on Hwy 749, South of Township Road 740, & Township Roads East of Hwy 749)

WHEREAS I, an **Executive Officer of Alberta Health Services**, have inspected the above noted drinking water supply pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Act, RSA 2000, c. P-37, as amended;

AND WHEREAS such inspection disclosed that the following conditions exist in and about the above noted drinking water supply which are or may become injurious or dangerous to the public health or which might hinder in any manner the prevention or suppression of disease, namely:

- As a result of loss of power and potential depressurization in the municipal distribution system due to local wildfire activity, the potability of drinking water supplied to the Riverbend Water Co-op, Riverbend pumphouse in the Gilwood area on Highway 749, South of Township Road 740, & township roads East of Highway 749 cannot be guaranteed.

AND WHEREAS such inspection disclosed that the following breaches of the Public Health Act Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation, Alberta Regulation 243/2003 exist in and about the above noted Drinking Water Supply, namely:

- As a result of loss of power and potential depressurization in the municipal distribution system due to local wildfire activity, the potability of drinking water supplied to the Riverbend Water Co-op, Riverbend pumphouse in the Gilwood area on Highway 749, South of Township Road 740, & township roads East of Highway 749 cannot be guaranteed which is in contravention of the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation Section 11, which states "Where a person provided a source of water that the person intends to be used or realizes or ought to realize will be used by the public for human consumption, the person shall ensure that the water is potable".

AND WHEREAS by virtue of the foregoing, the above noted Drinking Water Supply is hereby declared **unfit for human consumption**;

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT**:

1. That the Owner immediately issues a Boil Water Advisory to all users of the above noted Drinking Water Supply.

2. That the Owner immediately undertake and diligently pursue the completion of the following work in and about the above noted drinking water supply, namely:
 - a. Complete all necessary tasks, repairs and maintenance to the water treatment plant in consultation with Alberta Environment and Parks and Alberta Health Services Environmental Public Health.
 - b. Flush the distribution system prior to collecting microbiological water samples.
 - c. Submit two consecutive sets of water samples for microbiological analysis, that are at least 24 hours apart, are collected at various points along the distribution system and /or as advised by Alberta Environment and Protected Areas, and that return with satisfactory results (negative for the presence of total coliforms and E.coli).

3. That, until such time as the work referred to in paragraph 2 is completed to the satisfaction of the undersigned, or an executive officer of Alberta Health Services, that this order shall remain in effect.

The above conditions were noted at the time of inspection and may not necessarily reflect all deficiencies. You are advised that further work may be required to ensure full compliance with the Public Health Act and regulations, or to prevent a public health nuisance.

DATED at High Prairie, Alberta, May 6, 2023

Confirmation of a verbal order issued to Ian Willier on May 6, 2023.

Executive Officer
Alberta Health Services

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A person who a) is directly affected by a decision of a Regional Health Authority, and
 b) feels himself aggrieved by the decision

may appeal the decision by submitting a Notice of Appeal form within ten (10) days after receiving the order to:

Public Health Appeal Board
c/o Central Reception
Main Floor, ATB Place North Tower
10025 Jasper Avenue NW
Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 1S6
Phone: 780-222-5186
Fax: 780-422-0914
Email: HealthAppealBoard@gov.ab.ca
Website: <https://www.alberta.ca/public-health-appeal-board.aspx>

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