



Health, Seniors and Active Living

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**RE: PRECAUTIONARY BOIL WATER ADVISORY ISSUED TO THE RM OF CARTIER
PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM (DOES NOT INCLUDE ST. EUSTACHE, LIDO PLAGE,
SPRINGSTEIN or AREAS NORTH OF 62 NORTH)**

Dear Michael Lackmanec:

A line break lead to the loss of water pressure in the RM of Cartier water distribution system (does not include St. Eustache, Lido Plage, Springstein or areas north of Road 62 North). Distribution depressurization can compromise the safety of the water supply. A boil water advisory was issued September 14, 2021 to ensure the protection of public health.

Section 17(1) of *The Drinking Water Safety Act* states that:

A boil water advisory may be issued by a medical officer if the person issuing the advisory reasonably believes that water from a water system is or may be unsafe for domestic purposes unless it is boiled or otherwise disinfected.

I am requesting that you as owner of the water supply immediately advise all water users affected by the depressurization of the boil water advisory, reaching as many individuals and organizations in the fastest and most feasible way possible, by distributing the attached notice. Emphasis should be placed on public facilities with vulnerable users such as hospitals, personal care homes, day cares, and schools. In addition, a copy of the notice must be posted on your website and updated accordingly.

Water users must be advised that all water used for consumption be brought to a rolling boil for at least one minute. This includes water used for drinking, preparing food, making ice, washing vegetables and fruit, brushing teeth, and making infant formula. As an alternative, individuals may also choose to use a known safe source of water such as bottled water. Water may be used for general domestic purposes including hand washing, bathing and showering (provided the water is not swallowed), dishwashing and laundry.

Copies of the following Fact Sheets should be made available to the public at the municipal office:

Boil Water Advisory Fact Sheet #1 – Boil Water Advisory For Drinking Water Only

Boil Water Advisory Fact Sheet #3 – Boil Water Advisory for Commercial/Public Facilities

Fact sheets can be obtained from your regional Drinking Water Officer, or are available at www.manitoba.ca/drinkingwater.

This Boil Water Advisory will remain in effect until the following actions are taken:

- Break has been repaired and distribution system pressures have stabilized, disinfection residuals have returned to normal operating levels; and,
- Take two sets of bacteriological tests, including a minimum of five (5) distribution samples from the affected area(s) at:
 - Elie Reservoir influent
 - Elie Reservoir effluent
 - Town of Elie distribution system (2)
 - Fannystelle Reservoir influent

Samples must be submitted 24 hours apart with results meeting regulatory standards; and;

Comply with any other directives issued by the Office of Drinking Water or Medical Officer of Health.

All samples taken to rescind this Advisory will be collected by the Cartier Regional Water Cooperative.

Once the above conditions are met to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health the advisory will be rescinded. At that time you will give notice to all water users that the conditions that led to the issuance of the advisory have been successfully addressed, the advisory has been rescinded and they can resume normal use of the water.

Should you have any questions, please contact Marc Balcaen, Regional Drinking Water Officer at 204-945-2454.

Sincerely,



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cc: Siobahn Burland Ross - Director, Office of Drinking Water
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