



# INFORMATION RELEASE

## NARAMATA WATER SYSTEM WATER QUALITY ADVISORY FOR TURBIDITY

May 15, 2023

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) has observed an increase in turbidity levels above normal at the Okanagan Lake intake for the Naramata water system. In consultation with the Interior Health Authority (IHA), the RDOS is issuing a **Water Quality Advisory** effective immediately. It is recommended that citizens who require additional protection as noted below, should use a safe alternate source of water or boil their drinking water for at least one minute before drinking.

The **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 one (1) minute.

The RDOS is also reminding 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 RDOS Utilities at 250-490-4106 or 250-490-4135.

**For after-hours water related emergencies, please call Regional Dispatch at 250-490-4141.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

RDOS Utilities  
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