

## **ORDER OF AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER Boil Water Order**

**To:** Reimer Foster Home  
Earl & Lillian Reimer  
“the owner”

**RE:** The “drinking water supply” located in Rocky View County, Alberta and municipally described as:  
Reimer Foster Home  
280216 Glenmore Trail SE  
Rocky View County, Alberta

**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:

- a. The drinking water supply may be unsafe for human consumption as indicated by a water sample collected on April 4, 2015 that showed the presence of Total Coliform bacteria.
- b. The drinking water supply may be unsafe for human consumption as indicated by a water sample collected on April 15, 2015 that had a Total Coliform bacteria count of > 201 per 100 ml.
- c. The drinking water supply may be unsafe for human consumption as indicated by a water sample collected on May 5, 2015 that showed the presence of Total Coliform bacteria.
- d. The drinking water supply may be unsafe for human consumption as indicated by a water sample collected on July 24, 2015 that had a Total Coliform bacteria count of 18 per 100 ml.
- e. The well for the drinking water supply is located in a pit.

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

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

- a. The drinking water supply may be unsafe for human consumption as indicated by a water sample collected on April 4, 2015 that showed the presence of Total Coliform bacteria, 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".

- b. The drinking water supply may be unsafe for human consumption as indicated by a water sample collected on April 15, 2015 that had a Total Coliform bacteria count of > 201 per 100 ml, 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".
- c. The drinking water supply may be unsafe for human consumption as indicated by a water sample collected on May 5, 2015 that showed the presence of Total Coliform bacteria, 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".
- d. The drinking water supply may be unsafe for human consumption as indicated by a water sample collected on July 24, 2015 that showed the presence of Total Coliform bacteria, 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".
- e. Bacteriological water samples have not been submitted at appropriate frequencies which is 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".
- f. The well for the drinking water supply is located in pit which is in contravention of the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation Section 12, which states "Where under any law a potable water supply is required to be provided in or at any public place, the owner of the public place shall ensure that the equipment used for the transmission, treatment and storage of the water is maintained in adequate operating condition and in a clean and sanitary condition".
- g. The operator of the drinking water supply has not been able to provide this office with a drillers log for this well to demonstrate that the water is not groundwater under the direct influence of surface water 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".

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

1. 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. Provide hand sanitizer of at least 60% alcohol content at all hand-washing sinks for the disinfection of hands after they are washed.
  - b. Ensure that all food processing and preparation is done with potable water from an approved source or with water that has been boiled for one minute.
  - c. Ensure that all utensils, counters, and food contact surfaces are sanitized using an approved sanitizing step.
  - d. Treat the drinking water system to render the water potable.
  - e. Sample the bacteriological quality of the well water on a weekly basis until otherwise notified by an Executive Officer of Alberta Health Services.
2. The work referred to in **paragraph 1(a-c)** must be completed immediately.
3. The work referred to in **paragraph 1(d)** must be completed by August 30, 2015.

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 Airdrie, Alberta, August 12, 2015

Confirmation of a verbal order issued to Lillian Reimer on July 28, 2015.

Darcy Chrisp, CPHI(C)  
Executive Officer  
Alberta Health Services

**YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAL**

**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 within ten (10) days after receiving the order to the Public Health Appeal Board located at Reception, Main Floor. Telus Plaza, 10025 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 1S6, Telephone 780-427-2813 Fax 780-422-0914.**

**The terms of this Order remain in effect notwithstanding the filing or proposed filing of any such appeal. If you appeal, you may also make an application to the Board for a stay of this Order pending the appeal.**

**A copy of the Public Health Appeal form may be obtained by contacting Alberta Health Services at 780-342-0122 or the Public Health Appeal Board 780-427-2813.**

You are advised that all orders remain in effect pending such an appeal

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