



EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S BOIL WATER ORDER

To: County of Thorhild No. 7

RE: Hamlet of Long Lake Block Wells

WHEREAS I, an **Executive Officer** of **Alberta Health Services**, have inspected the above premises 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 premises which are or may become injurious or dangerous to the public health or which might hinder the prevention or suppression of disease, namely:

- a. According to a regional groundwater assessment the 14 block wells in the Hamlet of Long Lake, located in the North West and South West quarters of 26-63-19-West of the Fourth meridian in Thorhild County, are at high risk for ground water that is directly under the influence of surface water. These are the community access block wells located next to the access roads in each cul-de-sac. These water wells are readily accessible to the public and some have direct connections to private residences. Without treatment these wells are providing non-potable water.

AND WHEREAS such inspection disclosed that the following breaches of the Public Health Act and the Regulations there under exist in and about the above noted premises, namely:

- a. Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation AR 243/2003
The block wells are owned and operated by the County of Thorhild No. 7. According to Section 11 of the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation, "Where a person provides 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 THE REFORE, 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 premises, namely:
 - a. Notify all users of these water wells not to drink the water until the water has been brought to a rolling boil for 1 full minute. Notification may be done by, but not limited to, placing posters in conspicuous areas, including a notice in County administration mailouts, going door to door, or phone calls to the affected users. Permanent notices must also be posted on each pump-house until this Order has been rescinded.

- b. Continue to submit monthly water samples from each block well for bacteriological analysis.

2. The work referred to in paragraph 1 shall be completed by July 21st 2011.

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.

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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 24th Floor, Telus Plaza, 10025 - Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 1S6. Telephone (780) 427-2813.

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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Copies of standards are available by contacting the Health Protection Branch of Alberta Health & Wellness at (780) 427-4518, or by visiting: www.health.alberta.ca/about/health-legislation.html