

ORDER OF AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER Boil Water Order

To: **Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo**
“the Owner”

RE: The Drinking Water Supply located in Fort Chipewyan, Alberta and municipally described as: Fort Chipewyan Water Treatment Plant, 202 Bryant Avenue.

WHEREAS I, an **Executive Officer** of **Alberta Health Services**, have received a report about 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 report 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. A loss of water pressure was observed in the drinking water distribution system due to the unplanned shutdown of distribution pumps feeding the distribution line. This may lead to back pressure or siphonage in the water distribution system, thereby contaminating drinking water.

AND WHEREAS such report 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:

- a. A loss of water pressure was observed in the drinking water distribution system due to the unplanned shutdown of distribution pumps feeding the distribution line. This may lead to back pressure or siphonage in the water distribution system, thereby contaminating drinking water. This 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. Once the deficiencies are addressed and supply pressure is restored, flush the affected distribution system to remove any potentially contaminated water.

- b. After confirming that the distribution system water has been flushed, submit two sets of representative water samples for microbiological analysis taken at least 24 hours apart at various locations from the affected distributions system. Results to be 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, this order shall remain in effect.

The above conditions were noted at the time of report from water system operator 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 Fort McMurray, Alberta, October 30, 2025

Confirmation of a verbal order issued to Hassen Debbache, Environment & Regulatory Advisor, on October 30, 2025.

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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