

ORDER OF AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER Boil Water Order

To: *Village of Foremost*
c/o Marilynn Hirsche, CAO, *Village of Foremost*

Trevor Ferguson – Public Works Foreman, *Village of Foremost*

RE: The drinking water supply located in Foremost, Alberta and municipally described as:
Village of Foremost Drinking Water Supply.

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. There may be compromised water quality arising from the scheduled upgrade of installing an isolation valve at the north end of the distribution system (204 1 Avenue East). Six homes will not be provided with municipal water for about two hours. This work will involve bypassing the water main using several lengths of 2.5" diameter flexible fire hoses; the approximate total length of hose needed is 400 feet. Water would then be conveyed to the rest of the town utilizing these temporary above-ground thin-walled fire hoses. It is anticipated that there will not be pressure loss in the system from the approach described in the foregoing.

AND WHEREAS such inspection 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. Water being supplied to, and intended for consumption by, the residents of the *Village of Foremost* may not be potable which is in contravention of the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation Section 11, which states "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".

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 by the fastest and most effective means possible. Elements of the advisory shall include the following or similar statements:
 - a. This advisory is being issued as a precautionary measure until the safety of the water

- can be assured.
- b. Water should be brought to a rapid rolling boil, and boiled for one minute prior to using it for domestic purposes such as drinking, making infant formula and juices, brushing teeth, washing fruits and vegetables, and making ice.
 - c. As an added, and preferred, option, residents and visitors may use bottled water or water from an approved and safe alternative source.
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. Protect all temporary water lines in the project area from unwanted access and injury.
 - b. Fully and properly complete all aspects of this planned upgrade to such state of normal operations.
 - c. Conduct strategic and extensive flushing of Foremost's water distribution system in accordance with the requirements of AEP (*Alberta Environment & Parks*).
 - d. Ensure six (6) bacteriological water samples are submitted, from representative locations throughout the distribution system and at least 24 hours apart, to the Provincial Laboratory of Public Health for analysis. Satisfactory sample results must be obtained.
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 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 Medicine Hat, Alberta, August 25, 2021

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>

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

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