



PRAIRIE MOUNTAIN HEALTH  
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Patrick Pulak, General Manager of Operations  
City of Brandon  
900 Richmond Ave E  
Brandon, MB R7A 7M1

**RE: BOIL WATER ADVISORY ISSUED TO A PORTION OF THE BRANDON WATER SYSTEM**

Dear Patrick Pulak:

A power outage on October 19, 2022 has led to the loss of water pressure in a portion of the Brandon distribution system south of the Assiniboine River to Richmond, west of 18th Street. Distribution depressurization can compromise the safety of the water supply; therefore, a boil water advisory has been issued to ensure public health protection.

Section 17(1) of *The Drinking Water Safety Act* states that:

*A boil water advisory may be issued by a medical officer if the person issuing the advisory reasonably believes that water from a water system is or may be unsafe for domestic purposes unless it is boiled or otherwise disinfected.*

I am requesting that you as owner of the water supply immediately advise all water users affected by the boil water advisory, reaching as many individuals and organizations in the fastest and most feasible way possible, by distributing the attached notice. Emphasis should be placed on public facilities with vulnerable users such as hospitals, personal care homes, day cares, and schools. In addition, a copy of the notice must be posted on your website and updated accordingly.

Water users must be advised that all water used for consumption be brought to a rolling boil for at least one minute. This includes water used for drinking, preparing food, making ice, washing vegetables and fruit, brushing teeth, and making infant formula. As an alternative, individuals may also choose to use a known safe source of water such as bottled water. Water may be used for general domestic purposes including hand washing, bathing and showering (provided the water is not swallowed), dishwashing and laundry.

Copies of the following Fact Sheets should be made available to the public at the municipal office:

- Boil Water Advisory Fact Sheet #1 – Boil Water Advisory For Drinking Water Only
- Boil Water Advisory Fact Sheet #3 – Boil Water Advisory for Commercial/Public Facilities

Fact sheets can be obtained from your Regional Drinking Water Officer, or are available at [www.manitoba.ca/drinkingwater](http://www.manitoba.ca/drinkingwater).

This Boil Water Advisory will remain in effect until the following actions are taken:

- Power and pressure are restored; and,
- There has been sufficient time or flushing following restoration of water services to ensure that any remaining water in the distribution system has been eliminated;
- Take one set of bacteriological tests, including a minimum of ten distribution samples from the affected area, meeting regulatory standards; and;
- Comply with any other directives issued by the Office of Drinking Water or Medical Officer of Health.

Once the above conditions are met to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health the advisory will be rescinded. The Office of Drinking Water needs to be contacted to confirm rescind conditions have been met prior to removing notices. At that time you will be issued a rescind letter to give notice to all water users that the conditions that led to the issuance of the advisory have been successfully addressed, the advisory has been rescinded and they can resume normal use of the water.

Should you have any questions, please contact Christine Gerardy, Regional Drinking Water Officer at 204-570-1405.

Sincerely,



**Dr. Michael Isaac, MD, MPH, CCFP, FRCPC**  
Medical Officer of Health

cc: Dr. Amy Frykoda – Medical Officer of Health, Prairie Mountain Health  
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