



September 17, 2024

Via Email: elbow@sasktel.net

Village of Elbow
Box 8
ELBOW SK S0H 1J0

Dear Waterworks Owner/Operator:

This letter is to advise you that a **Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory (PDWA)** will be issued for **the Village of Elbow's water distribution system**, and is effective **September 17, 2024 5:00 PM until further notice**.

Water Security Agency (WSA) protocol in consultation with Saskatchewan Health Authority is to place water distribution systems under a PDWA when a *power failure/pump failure* results in a *system depressurization*, until such time as the water within the water distribution system is proven safe for human consumptive use. This PDWA remains in effect until the safety of the **Village of Elbow's** distributed water can be ensured. Therefore the administration shall notify all affected users of the water distribution system of the conditions in the attached PDWA poster.

This PDWA can be rescinded by the WSA once the following is completed:

- 1) The water distribution system has been pressurized, and *flushed (if possible)*, according to applicable standards.
- 2) The water treatment plant is producing water that achieves the water quality limits stated in the **Village of Elbow's** Permit to Operate a Waterworks.
- 3) The receipt of two consecutive sets of three (6 total) bacteriological samples, collected 24 hours apart from representative locations within the area of the water distribution system affected, which are analyzed and found to be negative for bacteriological presence. Samples are to be marked as "**Other**" and labeled with the appropriate station number in order to expedite their processing. These samples will not count towards sampling requirements.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 306-741-7718 or Scott.Klippenstein@wsask.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Klippenstein".

Scott Klippenstein, A. Sc. T.
Environment Officer
Water Security Agency

cc: Derrick Hoehn, Acting Manager, Compliance Promotion South, WSA (email)
Water Advisories, Water Security Agency (email)
Saskatchewan Health Authority, Rosetown Office (email)



Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory

This Advisory applies to residents and users of the Village of Elbow's water distribution system, and is effective September 17, 2024 5:00 PM

Pursuant to clause 36(1)(a) of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010* this Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory is issued due to *power failure/pump failure* resulting in a *system depressurization* and therefore the safety of the drinking water supply cannot be ensured at all times. Therefore, pursuant to clause 36(1)(b) of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010*, consumers must be notified to:

- (a) boil all water, used for drinking purposes, for at least one (1) minute, at a rolling boil, prior to use;
- (b) boil water to be used for other activities where it may be ingested, including:
 - (i) brushing teeth or soaking false teeth;
 - (ii) washing fruits and vegetables;
 - (iii) food or drink which will not be subsequently heated; and,
 - (iv) ice cubes;
- (c) not use the water for washing dishes, unless the water has been boiled or the dishes are sanitized in another fashion. Washed dishes and utensils can be soaked in a bleach water solution (approximately 2 tablespoons of bleach per gallon or 10 ml of bleach per liter of water) for at least two minutes after being washed to kill any bacteria which may be present.
Note: **Do not mix bleach with soaps or detergents.**
- (d) not drink from any public drinking fountains supplied with water from the public water supply;
- (e) ensure that younger children and infants are sponge bathed;
- (f) use an alternative water source known to be safe, if they do not wish to boil the water; and,
- (g) consult with your physician if you have cuts or rashes that are severe before using the water.

Under most circumstances, there is no need to boil water used for other household purposes. Adults, adolescents and older children may shower, bathe or wash using tap water but should avoid swallowing the water. Laundry may be washed in tap water, either by hand or by machine.

This Advisory is effective on the **date and time listed above**, and will not be lifted until the water supply is determined to be completely safe.

Residents and operators of public facilities may access detailed precautions for PDWAs/EBWOs online at www.saskhealthauthority.ca/facilities-locations/roy-romanov-provincial-laboratory/water-testing-public

If you require any additional information, please contact the following:

Municipal Office

Water Security Agency – Compliance Promotion
Saskatchewan Health Authority, Rosetown Office

(306) 854-2277

306-741-7718

306-882-2672 EXT 3 OPT 3

For media inquiries, please contact comm@wsask.ca and request to speak to a media spokesperson. Please be sure to identify your name, media outlet and contact information.

Scott Klippenstein – Environment Officer
Water Security Agency