



January 7, 2024

Via E-mail: [rm292.rm322@sasktel.net](mailto:rm292.rm322@sasktel.net)

Attention Waterworks Owner/Operator:

**This letter is to advise you that a Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory (PDWA) will be placed on the Hamlet of Alsask water distribution system and is effective January 7, 2024 at 6:30am 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 outage results in a waterworks depressurization, until such time as the water within the distribution system is proven safe for human consumptive use. This PDWA remains in effect until the safety of the Alsask distributed water can be ensured. Therefore, the administration shall notify all users affected by this PDWA 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This PDWA can be rescinded by the WSA once the following is completed: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 according to applicable standards.
- 2) The water treatment plant is producing water that achieves the water quality limits stated in the Alsask Permit to Operate a Waterworks.
- 3) The receipt of two (2) consecutive sets of two (2) bacteriological samples, collected 24 hours apart from representative locations within the PDWA-affected area, 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 regular sampling compliance as required by the Permit to Operate.

For further information, please contact the undersigned at (306) 961-8448 / [Kerry.Desjarlais@wsask.ca](mailto:Kerry.Desjarlais@wsask.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K Desjarlais".

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Water Advisories, Water Security Agency  
Saskatchewan Health Authority, Rosetown

# Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory

**This Advisory applies to residents and users of Hamlet of Alsask water distribution system and is effective January 7, 2024 at 6:30 am until further notice.**

Pursuant to clause 36(1)(a) of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010* this Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory is issued due to a power outage resulting in a waterworks 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.

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

**Waterworks Administration/Owner  
Water Security Agency, S&L Division  
Saskatchewan Health Authority, Roseown**

**306 – 968 – 2922  
306 – 961 – 8448  
306 – 882 – 2672 ext 33**

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