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RE: BOIL WATER ADVISORY ISSUED TO SWAN LAKE WATER SYSTEM

Dear Shannon Gaultier:

A power outage on September 14, 2026, has led to the loss of water pressure in the Swan Lake distribution system. 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(2) of *The Drinking Water Safety Act* states that:

A boil water advisory may be issued by the director or a drinking water officer, without Medical Officer of Health consultation 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 and public health would be better protected by quickly issuing an advisory. The Medical Officer of Health has been notified of the advisory via copy of this letter.

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:

- 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.

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

- The power has been restored;
- There has been sufficient time or flushing following restoration of water services to ensure that any remaining potentially contaminated water in the distribution system has been eliminated;
- One set of bacteriological tests, including a minimum of four distribution samples from the affected area, with results meeting regulatory standards;
- 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 the water is safe for consumption.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 204-901-4947.

Sincerely,

Shea Kennedy
Regional Drinking Water Officer

cc:

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