

NEWS RELEASE

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Water quality advisory issued for Nanaimo

Summary

(Distributed at 4:45 p.m. Friday, February 6) - Due to the increased rainfall in the City's watershed and a subsequent rise in turbidity (a measure of the cloudiness of the water), residents may notice discolouration in their water due to sedimentation. Regular measures to disinfect supplied water continue to be carried out by the City, with monitoring occurring and communication with Island Health in place. At this time a boil advisory has NOT been issued.

Residents with weakened immune systems should reference the Island Health public information link provided at the bottom of this news release.

Strategic Link: Taking responsibility to be an excellent municipal government.

Key Points

- The City is observing elevated levels of turbidity at the source of its drinking water system due to heavy rains in the South Fork watershed.
- Turbidity readings have elevated within the City's drinking water supply system and residents may notice tap water is slightly discoloured as the event continues.
- Water Supply Operations have ensured that its disinfection equipment is effectively disinfecting water throughout the system.

Quotes

"At this time we are advising the public that we are monitoring the City's drinking water system carefully and that they may notice discolouration. If the situation deteriorates, the City will notify the public."

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