



# OKANAGAN FALLS WATER UPDATE - LOWER ZONE WATER QUALITY ADVISORY for MANGANESE

February 23, 2023

Due to unforeseen delays in the cleaning of Well #5 the RDOS is extending the **Water Quality Advisory** for **manganese** in the **Lower Zone** of the Okanagan Falls water system until further notice. Mechanical cleaning of the well has been completed and the post-cleaning camera inspection is scheduled for the end of this week. The week of February 27<sup>th</sup> will see the disinfection, flushing and bacteriological testing of Well #5 with the anticipation to have it back in service the week of March 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **What is a Water Quality Advisory?**

A Water Quality Advisory is a level of notification below a Boil Water Notice. A Water Quality Advisory is used in situations where the general public health threat is modest.

### **Who may need additional protection from manganese?**

- Infants and young children
- People wishing to seek additional protection

### **Precautionary Instructions**

Residents are advised to use an alternate safe source of drinking water (i.e. bottle water) for preparing baby formula for infants and young children during this time. Note, boiling water will not remove the manganese and may increase the concentration, therefore, it is not recommended.

Residents may observe increased discoloration or sediment in the water during this time. If you experience dirty water, simply run your cold water taps only and/or garden hose until the water runs clear. In addition, residents should check the water quality before laundering of clothing during this time to minimize potential staining or discoloration.

The RDOS would also like to remind all business owners/operators (restaurants, accommodations, etc.) and public facilities operators that it is the responsibility of said establishments to notify their customers of the Water Quality Advisory.

For further information, please contact the Utilities Department at (250) 490-4106 or (250) 490-4135. Thank you for your cooperation.

Zone Map:

[MAP\\_WATER\\_ZONES.pdf \(okanaganfallsirrigation.ca\)](#)

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