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Regional District of Central Kootenay
Emergency Operations Centre

EVACUATION ORDER LIFTED IN SLOCAN VALLEY

NELSON – The Regional District of Central Kootenay has lifted the evacuation order for the Passmore and Slocan Park areas effective 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 23rd.

The homes on Slocan Valley West Road that were under evacuation order are now on evacuation alert. Residents may be asked to leave their homes again on short notice should conditions worsen.

Residents should take the following safety precautions when returning to their homes:

Before you go into your home, walk around the outside and check for signs of damage and danger.

Do not turn on an electrical switch, or any electrical equipment which has been flooded, until it is checked by a qualified electrician.

If you suspect your drinking water has been contaminated, through taste, colour or odour, purify it before drinking. You can boil the water, add purification tablets, or chlorinate it with a bleaching compound. If bleach is used, add one or two drops per litre and allow the water to stand for 30 minutes before drinking.

If your well has been flooded, assume the water in your home has been contaminated, and use alternate sources.

Destroy all food which was submerged in flood waters.

It's important to dry out, clean and disinfect your home as soon as possible.

Clean up spilled medicines, bleaches, gasoline or other flammable liquids immediately. Wear rubber gloves and protective clothing. Emergency officials should be advised of major spills or leaks immediately.

Further information on safety precautions is available at www.pep.bc.ca

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