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Water Quality in Flood-prone Areas

KELOWNA – In light of recent flooding in the East Kootenay and Kootenay Boundary Health Service Areas, Interior Health is advising residents to be aware that the quality of their drinking water may be affected.

For residents who are on organized water systems, questions about the quality of the drinking water should be directed to the local water supplier (e.g., utility, municipality, etc.). These suppliers are best able to assess how their systems have been affected, and whether there is any impact on the quality of the drinking water.

For residents who are on smaller systems/individual wells, and suspect that their water supply has been affected or contaminated by the flood, an alternative source of drinking water should be used until the water source can be assessed or tested. For advice on having a water source assessed or tested, please contact your local Public Health Office or refer to the list of Provincial Health Officer Approved Drinking Water Testing Laboratories available online at:

http://www.pathology.ubc.ca/education/_shared/assets/PHO_Approved_Laboratory_List934.PDF

General information about health and safety considerations during floods, particularly around water consumption and water system safety, is available on the Interior Health web site at:

<http://www.interiorhealth.ca/Health+and+Safety/Emergency+Info/Flooding.htm>.

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