



# Thompson-Nicola Regional District

## Update on Diesel Spill Impact to Vavenby Water System

For Immediate Release (January 19, 2017, 10:36 a.m.):

A public meeting was held last night at the Vavenby Community Hall. In attendance were representatives from the Ministry of Environment, Interior Health Authority (IHA) and the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) as well as a consulting Environmental Engineer. Information was provided regarding the environmental impact of the diesel spill that occurred south of Avola, as well as the impact on the Vavenby Water System.

The IHA representative confirmed that the Vavenby Water System is currently under a **DO NOT USE** the water Order. Interior Health advises that water users should use bottled water or an alternate source of water for drinking, making ice, washing dishes, brushing teeth, bathing, and food preparation until further notice and that boiling the water does not make it safe.

It is anticipated that the IHA Order regarding water use will be in effect for at least the next week. A better assessment of the length of time can be made once test results of recent water samples are received back. It is expected that information about the initial results will be available to residents in the next couple of days. In accordance with the IHA Order, the TNRD must continue to take regular water samples and develop a remediation plan for the water system in consultation with IHA and a consulting engineer.

The TNRD continues to provide Vavenby residents with bottled water. Until further notice, residents can go to the Vavenby Fire Hall between the hours of 12:00 p.m. (noon) and 7:00 p.m. to receive 8 litres of water per person in each household, per day.

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