



Thompson-Nicola Regional District

Update to Residents – Diesel Spill in North Thompson

For Immediate Release (January 18, 2017):

Water quality continues to be monitored in the Vavenby area, as a result of the recent diesel spill south of Avola. Residents that use water from the North Thompson River are advised to continue to be cautious and check their water supply for any signs of diesel fuel (sheen or odour).

For residents in the vicinity of the Vavenby area that have been impacted by the spill, bottled water has been provided. Further shipments of water are scheduled to be delivered to the Vavenby Fire Hall today. Residents can pick up water from the Fire Hall today between noon and 7:00 p.m.

Residents continue to be cautioned to **NOT USE** the river water if it smells or tastes like fuel. This means no drinking, showering/bathing or brushing teeth if a fuel odour is detected. Diesel fuel can pose a health risk following ingestion, inhalation or skin absorption.

Water from the Vavenby Water System is available to system users only for flushing toilets. The TNRD requests that water system users minimize water use as much as possible and ensure that they do not consume the water from the system or bath in it.

The TNRD continues to closely monitor the situation and will be providing a further update later today.

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