



Thompson-Nicola Regional District

Do Not Consume Water – Diesel Spill in North Thompson

For Immediate Release (January 17, 2017):

A diesel spill south of Avola has caused contamination of the water in the North Thompson River. Residents that use water from the North Thompson River are advised to be cautious and check their water supply for any signs of diesel fuel (sheen or odor).

The TNRD has stopped pumping water from the river for the Vavenby water system.

All TNRD residents that are south of the Avola and Vavenby areas that use water systems that draw water from the river are advised to check their water supply.

For the TNRD Vavenby water system users, the TNRD is making arrangements to have bottled water brought in for drinking purposes.

Do 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. The TNRD requests customers continue to minimize water use, and only use the water for flushing toilets.

Further information will be provided as soon as it becomes available.

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VAVENBY COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM

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The TNRD is issuing a DO NOT CONSUME order for the residents of the Vavenby Community Water System. It has been confirmed that diesel has shown up in the river and at the water intake.

The water intake pumps have been turned off and arrangements are underway to start hauling water tonight to the reservoir for non-drinking or cooking purposes.

Your cooperation in the matter is greatly appreciated.

Additional information will be provided as soon as it becomes available.

Again, please do not consume water.

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