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Chief & Council
The Key First Nation
PO Box 70
Norquay, SK S0A 2V0

Dear Chief Papequash:

Re: **Precautionary Boil Water Advisory Recommended The Key First Nation Water System**

As the water distribution system for The Key First Nation has experienced a power outage causing pressure loss, a Precautionary Boil Water Advisory is recommended. This advisory applies to all residents connected to the piped community drinking water distribution system and all public buildings in the community.

People should be advised to boil all water for drinking, food preparation and brushing of teeth for at least one (1) minute before use.

The Advisory should remain in place until:

1. The power and the pressure have been restored in the community drinking water distribution system;
2. the distribution lines have been flushed; and,
3. two sets of samples, taken at least 24 hours apart, show there is no bacteriological contamination and at 0.2 mg/L of free chlorine residual throughout the system.

Attached is a notice that can be used to alert community members of the Advisory.

Should you have any questions please contact your Environmental Health Officer, Lorne Willits at (306) 530-2940.

Sincerely,

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PRECAUTIONARY DRINKING WATER ADVISORY

Recommended by Environmental Public Health Services

Date Issued: October 27, 2020
Location: The Key First Nation
Reason: Power outage caused pressure loss in the community's drinking water distribution system. While there is no evidence of contamination in the drinking water system, this Advisory is recommended as a precautionary measure. Chief and Council are working to ensure the distributed water is safe to drink.

Before using water from this water system (piped supply) for drinking, food preparation or the brushing of teeth, it should be **boiled for one (1) minute.**

Community members should also practice water use conservation for the duration of this advisory.

You and your family should do the following until further notice.

1. Boil all water to be used for drinking for at least one (1) minute, and cool and store it in a clean container.
2. This boiled and cooled water should also be used for:
 - a. brushing teeth or soaking false teeth;
 - b. washing fruits and vegetables;
 - c. adding to food or drink which will not be boiled; and,
 - d. making ice cubes.
3. Water used for other household purposes does not need to be boiled.
4. Dishes and laundry may be washed in tap water, either by hand or by machine (dishes should be rinsed in water with a tablespoon of bleach in a sink full of water).
5. Adults and teens may take baths or showers with untreated water. Older children could also be given a shower with a hand-held showerhead but be sure to avoid getting tap water on the face. Due to the likelihood that young children will drink bath water, they should be given a sponge bath instead of bathing them in a tub.
6. If you do not wish to boil your water, you should use an alternative water source known to be safe, such as bottled water.
7. Consult with your physician if you have cuts or rashes that are severe before using the water for bathing.

If you have any questions, please contact the Band Office or Lorne Willits, Environmental Public Health Officer, at (306) 530-2940.

Please post until further notice.