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OUR FILE No.: MM000072

July 26, 2022

631640 BC LTD
12420 WESTSIDE RD
VERNON BC V1H 2A4

Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: Goose Lake Non-Potable Agricultural Water at 8363 OLD KAMLOOPS RD

Our records indicate that your abovementioned property has a Non-Potable water service connection to the Goose Lake water source. Greater Vernon Water (GVW) is issuing this reminder that Non-Potable water should **not be used for human consumption and it is the customer's responsibility to stay up to date on agricultural water quality when providing it to livestock.**

Goose Lake experiences fluctuating cyanobacteria levels with the presence of Harmful Algae Blooms (HAB) above safe levels on occasion depending on the weather. GVW staff samples the Goose Lake supply weekly and treats it with copper sulphate (an algacide) when appropriate. Up to date communication with customers will be completed through the agriculture e-alert system.

This letter is to advise Goose Lake customers to sign up for the agriculture e-alert system to help mitigate the risk to livestock. GVW uses this service to notify customers when there are HABs present in Goose Lake and they may wish to use an alternative source for animal consumption.

To sign up, go to <https://vovent-alert.com/ca/community/> and scroll down to "Download and Registration", click on the most convenient method of receiving alerts. Enter your information, ensuring the address in which you use the water at is correct, to be automatically included into the Goose Lake specific alerts. For assistance in registering, contact the Regional District of the North Okanagan at (250) 550-3700 or utilities@rdno.ca.

GVW reminds customers that it is their responsibility to ensure Non-Potable water taps are clearly labeled on their property and to educate staff or visitors on the hazards of drinking Non-Potable water. Non-Potable water is not treated to drinking water standards and is not fit for human consumption. Non-Potable water may contain biological hazards such as bacteria, viruses, protozoa, or helminthes (parasitic worms). Non-Potable water taps should be labeled. Decals can be downloaded for free at www.rdno.ca/agwater (click on the "Non-Potable Water" menu and then the "Non-Potable Decal" link).

Sincerely,

Rachelle Demetrick
Water Conservation - Utilities Assistant
RD/ls/dd
ec: Greater Vernon Advisory Committee