September 30, 2026 306-529-3265

Via Email: rm488@sasktel.net

Hamlet of Garrick c/o R.M. of Torch River
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Attention Waterworks Owner/Operator:

This letter is to advise you that a Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory (PDWA) will be issued for *the Hamlet of Garrick c/o R.M. of Torch River*'s water distribution system, and is effective immediately September 30, 2026 9:00 AM until further notice.

Water Security Agency (WSA) protocol is to place water distribution systems under a PDWA when a *water main leak* results in a *system depressurization*, until such time as the water within the water distribution system is proven safe for human consumptive use. This PDWA remains in effect until the safety of the ***Hamlet of Garrick c/o R.M. of Torch River*'s** distributed water can be ensured. Therefore the administration shall notify all affected users of the water distribution system of the conditions in the attached PDWA poster.

This PDWA can be rescinded by the WSA once the following is completed:

1) The break has been repaired, and all related appurtenances have been disinfected and flushed according to applicable standards.
2) The water distribution system has been pressurized, and *flushed (if possible)*, according to applicable standards.
3) The water treatment plant is producing water that achieves the water quality limits stated in the *R.M. of Torch River*'s Permit to Operate a Waterworks.
4) The receipt of **two consecutive sets of two (*4* total) bacteriological samples**, collected 24 hours apart from representative locations within the area of the water distribution system affected, which are analyzed and found to be negative for bacteriological presence. Samples are to be marked as "**Other**" and labeled with the appropriate station number in order to expedite their processing. These samples will not count towards sampling requirements.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 306-529-3265 or michael.kardash@wsask.ca.

Sincerely,

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Environment Officer
Water Security Agency

cc: Don Turner - Manager, Compliance Promotion South, WSA (email)
Water Advisories, Water Security Agency (email)
Saskatchewan Health Authority, Melfort Office (email)

Water Security Agency

Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory

This Advisory applies to residents and users of the *Hamlet of Garrick c/o R.M. of Torch River's* water distribution system , and is effective September 30, 2026 9:00 AM until further notice

Pursuant to clause 36(1)(a) of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010* this Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory is issued due to *water main leak* resulting in a *system depressurization* and therefore the safety of the drinking water supply cannot be ensured at all times. Therefore, pursuant to clause 36(1)(b) of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010,* consumers must be notified to:

(a) boil all water, used for drinking purposes, for at least one (1) minute, at a rolling boil, prior to use;
(b) boil water to be used for other activities where it may be ingested, including:
  (i) brushing teeth or soaking false teeth;
  (ii) washing fruits and vegetables;
  (iii) food or drink which will not be subsequently heated; and,
  (iv) ice cubes;
(c) not use the water for washing dishes, unless the water has been boiled or the dishes are sanitized in another fashion. Washed dishes and utensils can be soaked in a bleach water solution (approximately 2 tablespoons of bleach per gallon or 10 ml of bleach per liter of water) for at least two minutes after being washed to kill any bacteria which may be present.
  Note: **Do not mix bleach with soaps or detergents.**
(d) not drink from any public drinking fountains supplied with water from the public water supply;
(e) ensure that younger children and infants are sponge bathed;
(f) use an alternative water source known to be safe, if they do not wish to boil the water; and,
(g) consult with your physician if you have cuts or rashes that are severe before using the water.

Under most circumstances, there is no need to boil water used for other household purposes. Adults, adolescents and older children may shower, bathe or wash using tap water but should avoid swallowing the water. Laundry may be washed in tap water, either by hand or by machine.

This Advisory is effective on the **date and time listed above,** and will not be lifted until the water supply is determined to be completely safe.

Residents and operators of public facilities may access detailed precautions for PDWAs/EBWOs online at www.saskhealthauthority.ca/facilities-locations/roy-romanov-provincial-laboratory/water-testing-public

If you require any additional information, please contact the following:

Municipal Office	**(306) 276-2066**
Water Security Agency – Compliance Promotion	306-529-3265
Saskatchewan Health Authority, Melfort Office	306-752-6310

For media inquiries, please contact comm@wsask.ca and request to speak to a media spokesperson. Please be sure to identify your name, media outlet and contact information.

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