



May 18, 2021
Good News Water Tank Back in Service

Dear QCBFD,

The water tank has been disinfected, emptied and placed back in service.

Two more sets of samples, which will be taken tomorrow 5/19/2021 and Thursday 5/20/2021, need to return negative before RIDOH will lift the Provisional Boil Water Advisory (PWBA). That will not be before 5/24/2021. Fingers crossed!

Just a clarification of the Provisional BWA. Provisional means that we voluntarily called for a boil water advisory. This allows for any repaired or inspected critical water system infrastructure items, in this case the water storage tank, to be placed back online prior to testing negative on two occasions.

The boil water advisory is a guidance, not an absolute, similar to the CDC mask guideline.

As a public water system we are obliged by RIDOH to provide notification, with certain language, to all water consumers. We did this last week.

Each household can individually decide whether to boil water used for consumption/cooking. Water for bathing, washing, etc is not under the Boil Water Advisory.

Yesterday our two wells underwent the required monthly water sampling and BOTH wells are free of bacteria.

With the water storage tank back online we now have full water delivery capability.

Lawn watering, house and car washing restrictions are now lifted.

Provisional Boil Water Advisory will remain in place at least until May 24, 2021.

Regarding our water usage, several water leaks were brought to our attention and we thank all those who alerted us. It is premature to see where our water usage will be but the important thing is that with the system back up to full capacity we have more of a buffer.

If anyone is so inclined I would appreciate prayer, song, chanting, candle lighting, garlic necklaces, and any other appropriate rituals to ensure that water tank samples remain negative so we do not need to place the water tank offline again.

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