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Kara Sylvester, CAO Rural Municipality of Rosedale Box 100 Neepawa MB R0J 1H0

Re: PRECAUTIONARY BOIL WATER ADVISORY IS ISSUED TO THE EDEN WATER SYSTEM

Dear Ms. Sylvester:

Test results of routine water samples taken on November 22, 2017 have shown the presence of total coliform bacteria in the treated water supply in the Eden water system. A precautionary boil water advisory has been issued to ensure public health protection.

Section 17(1) of *The Drinking Water Safety Act* states that:

A boil water advisory may be issued by a medical officer if the person issuing the advisory reasonably believes that water from a water system is or may be unsafe for domestic purposes unless it is boiled or otherwise disinfected.

I am requesting that you as owner of the water supply immediately advise all affected water users of the boil water advisory, reaching as many individuals and organizations in the fastest and most feasible way possible, by distributing the attached notice. Emphasis should be placed on public facilities with vulnerable users such as hospitals, personal care homes, day cares, and schools. In addition, a copy of the notice must be posted on your website and updated accordingly.

Water users must be advised that all water used for consumption be brought to a rolling boil for at least one minute. This includes water used for drinking, preparing food, making ice, washing vegetables and fruit, brushing teeth, and making infant formula. As an alternative, individuals may also choose to use a known safe source of water such as bottled water. Water may be used for general domestic purposes including hand washing, bathing and showering (provided the water is not swallowed), dishwashing and laundry.

Copies of the following Fact Sheets should be made available to the public at the municipal office:

- Boil Water Advisory Fact Sheet #1 Boil Water Advisory For Drinking Water Only
- Boil Water Advisory Fact Sheet #3 Boil Water Advisory for Commercial/Public Facilities

Fact sheets can be obtained from your regional Drinking Water Officer, or are available at www.manitoba.ca/drinkingwater.

This Boil Water Advisory will remain in effect until the following actions are taken:

- Take two sets of bacteriological tests, each set consisting of at least 1 raw, 1 treated, and 3 distribution samples submitted 24 hours apart with results meeting regulatory standards; and
- Comply with any other directives issued by the Office of Drinking Water or Medical Officer of Health

Once the above conditions are met to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health the advisory will be rescinded. At that time you will give notice to all water users that the conditions that led to the issuance of the advisory have been successfully addressed, the advisory has been rescinded and they can resume normal use of the water.

Should you have any questions, please contact Glen Robertson, Regional Drinking Water Officer at 204-726-6563.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mahmoud Khodaveisi

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cc: Kim Philip – Director, Office of Drinking Water Melanie Betsill – Manager, Field Operations, Office of Drinking Water

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