



FOR RELEASE: Wednesday, May 16, 2007

Environmental Appeals Board Hearing Schedule

The Environmental Appeals Board will conduct a Hearing on June 21, 2007 commencing at 8:30 a.m. at the Griffith Memorial Centre in Black Diamond, Alberta. The Hearing is in relation to Alberta Environment's September 8, 2006 decision to issue *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* Amending Approval 1242-01-05 to the Town of Turner Valley. The Amending Approval allows for the construction, operation and reclamation of a raw water storage reservoir as part of the waterworks system for the Town of Turner Valley. The raw water storage reservoir is located at 835 Okalta Road, Turner Valley, at SE 1/4 1-20-3-W5M.

The Environmental Appeals Board is a separate and independent body that reviews certain decisions made by Alberta Environment. The Board is composed of environmental experts from a variety of disciplines.

The Board determined that the only issues to be heard at the Hearing will be:

1. Is the Amending Approval sufficient to protect the Town of Turner Valley's water supply from contamination to ensure a safe water supply?
2. Is using clay from the site as a liner for the raw water storage reservoir the best practicable technology to protect the stored raw water from contamination arising from previous industrial activity?
3. Was the testing, investigation, and remediation of the site prior to and during construction adequate to identify risks from possible contaminants onsite, including the possible contamination of onsite clay used for the construction of the liner?

Any person, other than the parties, who wishes to make a representation before the Board on this appeal must submit a request in writing by fax or by e-mail to the Board at the address, fax number or e-mail address set out below on or before May 31, 2007. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure their request has been received. The request shall contain the name, address, telephone and fax numbers of the person submitting the request, indicate whether the person will be represented by a lawyer or agent, and if so, their name, contain a summary of the nature of the person's interest in this appeal, and be signed by the person submitting the request. After May 31, 2007, the Board will, in its discretion, determine if other persons may make representations and the manner in which they can be made. Once all parties have been determined, the Hearing will be open to the public for viewing only.

Copies of materials filed with the Board respecting this appeal is available for viewing at the Sheep River Public Library in Black Diamond during its normal operating hours, or by appointment at the Office of the Environmental Appeals Board in Edmonton.

The information requested is necessary to allow the Environmental Appeals Board to perform its function. The information is collected under the authority of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, section 33(c). Section 33(c) provides that personal information may only be collected if that information relates directly to and is necessary for the processing of this appeal. The information you provide will be considered a public record. If you have any questions, please contact the Board.

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