



Elgin Area

Primary Water Supply System

MEDIA ADVISORY

August 20, 2010

**St. Thomas Water Distribution System
Boil Water Advisory**

At 7:48pm on August 19, 2010, the Elgin - St. Thomas Health Unit issued a Boil Water Advisory for the City of St. Thomas as well as the Lynhurst and Eastwood areas of Central Elgin and Southwold, as a result of a drinking water sample within the St. Thomas water distribution system which showed the presence of E.Coli microorganisms. The Boil Water Advisory only applies to areas which are directly supplied by the City of St. Thomas water distribution system, and not other water distribution systems supplied by the Elgin Area Water Supply System.

Inquiries with regard to the Boil Water Advisory and the City of St. Thomas water distribution system should be referred to the Elgin – St. Thomas Health Unit and the City of St. Thomas.

All water samples taken at the Elgin Area water treatment plant and the transmission system which supplies area municipalities in Elgin County and southern portions of the City of London meet the drinking water standards for Ontario. None of the corresponding samples for the Elgin Area Water Supply System show E.Coli or other microbiological contamination.

The Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System primary transmission pipeline extends approximately 18km between the water treatment plant near Port Stanley, to a terminal reservoir northeast of the City of St. Thomas. The water supply system serves approximately 100,000 people in the municipalities of Bayham, Malahide, Central Elgin, and Southwold, as well as the Town of Aylmer and the cities of St. Thomas and London.

Additional information about the regional water supply system is available at
www.watersupply.london.ca.

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