

August 3, 2017

Dear Hullcar Resident:

The Inter-Ministry Working Group is conducting a sampling program in the Hullcar area. The purpose of the project is to test private wells in the area for nitrates, total coliforms and *E. coli* and gather up to date information in order to:

- Determine the concentration of nitrate in private wells
- Provide accurate water quality information and advice to residents about their drinking water

This program is in addition to any other sampling initiatives in the area, such as the Ambient Groundwater Monitoring Network Program conducted by the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development. Sampling will be conducted by Interior Health staff. The program is voluntary and there is no cost to you. The scheduled sampling dates are:

Tuesday August 22, 2017

Thursday August 31, 2017

Further dates may be added if necessary.

Residents will be provided with the results for their well and relevant public health advice based on the result. If you live in the Hullcar area and your water supply is a private well, to arrange sampling please contact:

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Residents who wish to have their information contributed to helping understand nitrate levels across the Hullcar Valley can have their sample results added to the provincial database by completing a consent form. This is optional and not a condition of sampling. Participation in this sampling program will not only provide you with valuable information about your drinking water, but it will also give the Inter-Ministry Working Group more detailed information about nitrate levels in the area. This will help ensure that information and advice about drinking water safety is as accurate as possible.

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