Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Methyl Tertiary-butyl Ether (MTBE)

Addendum to Technical Appendix (2001) and Overview Report (2001)

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The Water Protection and Sustainability Branch rescinds the 2001 B.C. approved methyl tertiary-butyl ether (MTBE) water quality guidelines (WQGs) for the protection of drinking water supplies of 0.02 mg/L MTBE (BC Ministry of Environment, Lands & Parks, 2001). The source drinking WQG value of 0.015 mg/L of MTBE (ENV, 2020) as an aesthetic objective now applies to the Water Quality Guidelines for Methyl Tertiary-Butyl Ether (MTBE) Technical Appendix (B.C. Ministry of Environment and Parks, 2001) and Overview Report (B.C. Ministry of Environment, 2001). The guideline value of 0.015 mg/L MTBE is protective against odours that make water unpalatable and human health.

References:

