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## Public Service Announcement

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### Taste and Odour in Greater Victoria's Drinking Water – Water Remains Safe to Drink

**Victoria, BC-** Currently, there are higher than normal levels of total coliform bacteria in Sooke Lake Reservoir, the primary drinking water source for the Regional Water Supply System serving Greater Victoria. Total coliform bacteria are naturally occurring in raw, untreated water and concentrations do fluctuate from time to time. As a precaution, the Capital Regional District (CRD) has increased disinfectant dosage (both ultraviolet and chloramination) in the treated water until the total coliform levels in the raw water return to normal. As a result, there may be a slight chlorine taste and odour in the drinking water. The water remains safe to drink.

CRD staff are monitoring the quality and safety of the water closely and will keep the public informed of any changes in water quality.

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