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Dear Resident,

You are receiving this information because you live or own property in an area that is affected by groundwater contamination.

1. **Groundwater in the following land sections may be contaminated with TCE, but recent tests show that the levels of contamination are below limits for drinking water** set by Health Canada. Please note that some of these sections fall outside of the Rockwood Sensitive Area.
 - a. Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 28, north $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 29, west $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 33, of Township 12, Range 3, East of the Principal Meridian;
 - b. West $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 4, northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 22, northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 23, west $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 26, east $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 27, northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 30, east $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 31, and sections 32 and 33, of Township 13, Range 3, East of Principal Meridian; and
 - c. Section 5, of Township 14, Range 3, East of the Principal Meridian.

Homeowners in this area should test their well water yearly at a minimum, to confirm the safety of their water. If TCE is detected in your water, but the level is less than 0.005 mg/L (the Health Canada standard), the water does not pose an increased health risk. The water can be used in your home for drinking and other household purposes. If the level is above 0.005 mg/L, please call the Office of Drinking Water at 204-945-5762 to discuss your test result.

2. **Groundwater in the following land sections contains TCE above the limits for drinking water** set by Health Canada and is not safe to use in your home for any domestic purpose.
 - a. Sections 31 and 32 of Township 12, Range 3, East of the Principal Meridian;
 - b. Sections 5 to 8, west $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 9, sections 16 to 21, west $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 22, west $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 27, sections 28 and 29 and south $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 30 of Township 13, Range 3, East of the Principal Meridian;
 - c. East $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 13 and east $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 24 of Township 13, Range 2, East of the Principal Meridian;
 - d. East $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 35 and section 36 of Township 12, Range 2, East of the Principal Meridian; and
 - e. Section 1 and east $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 2, of Township 13, Range 2, East of the Principal Meridian.

The groundwater contamination was discovered in the 1990s. At that time, a number of steps were taken to address the issue. For example, a municipal water supply providing safe water to many local residents was installed in the area.

This public notice, updated map (as of March 2017), and fact sheet are being provided as a reminder to residents living in the area.

Please follow the instructions on the attached public notice and fact sheet.

Concerns and questions related to the impact of TCE contamination on private well users in the Rockwood Sensitive Area are addressed by Manitoba Sustainable Development and Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living.

For information on the TCE contamination, contact Environmental Compliance and Enforcement in Selkirk at 204-785-5030.

If you use well water and have questions about whether your water is affected, please call the Office of Drinking Water at 204-945-5762.

If you have any concerns about your health, please contact your doctor, who can consult with your regional medical officer of health if you advise your doctor of this communication.

Sincerely,

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