

# BOIL WATER NOTICE

Haines Borough  
Public Water System ID: AK2110619

The Haines Borough and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) Drinking Water Program have issued this boil water notice (BWN) for the Haines Borough public water system due to low water pressure in the areas of Small Tracts, FAA, Tower Rd., and Highland Estates.

## Why is the notice being issued?

The water system has experienced a loss of water pressure due to an air lock in the Lily Lake transmission line. When there is a loss of water pressure there can be an increased chance for the water system to be contaminated with bacteria such as *E. coli* due to infiltration and back-siphonage.

## What Should I do?

### **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST**

Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for **two minutes**, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

- *Fecal coliform and E. coli* are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely compromised immune systems.
- The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

## What is being done to address this problem?

We are collecting a bacteria sample as soon as possible to confirm the water is safe to drink. This boil water notice will remain in effect until we have satisfactory bacteria test results reported by the lab. If there are any further problems with our water, you will be notified. Otherwise, no further action is needed at this time. For more information, please contact Scott Bradford (907) 766-2200 or Brad Ryan (907) 314-0648 with the Haines Borough or Jeri Forgue with the DEC Drinking Water Program at (907) 262-3404.

This notice is being sent to you by the Haines Borough in conjunction with DEC.