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IH removes Do Not Use order for Vavenby Community Water System

Interior Health has removed a Do Not Use water advisory for residents on the Vavenby Community Water System.

Residents who draw water from the North Thompson River, between 10 kilometres south of Avola, down through Clearwater to the confluence of the North Thompson and Clearwater Rivers, are advised that they can resume regular use of their private water systems.

The advisory was placed on the water users after a semi-trailer crashed into the North Thompson River on Dec. 31, spilling diesel fuel into the river from a punctured fuel tank.

Water sampling conducted by the Ministry of Environment and an environmental consultant have shown that the risk of contamination from the spill to the river is low.

However, if users notice any changes in the water, such as a fuel odour or an oil-sheen in the water, users are advised to stop using the water and have their water tested.

In general, surface water sources have a higher chance of external contamination and Interior Health recommends having your water tested regularly and installing treatment if necessary.

Visit [HealthLinkBC](https://www.healthlinkbc.ca) for more information.

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