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LANARK VILLAGE WATER SURVEY

In collaboration with the Council of Lanark Highlands, the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit will be offering its services to interested residents to assess the quality of the drinking water in homes in Lanark Village. In November 2009, a Boil Water Advisory was issued to all residents of the village as a result of historical data indicating that many wells throughout the Village of Lanark had unsatisfactory water sample results for bacterial contamination. The Medical Officer of Health would like to review whether the need for the "Boil Water Advisory" still exists.

Public health inspectors will be going door to door within the community of Lanark Village to offer the water sampling service to each home owner. Health inspectors will have Health Unit identification with photo ID to verify that they are employees of the Health Unit. Inspectors will be working in the Village during business hours and into the early evening to accommodate residents who work during the day. There is no cost to either the municipality or the home owner.

A set of three samples from each well will be taken one week apart to ensure accuracy of sampling**. The sampling service will begin on October 19, 2011.** In addition to the water sample taken for bacteriological analysis, a small sample to test for nitrates will be taken. Each sampling session will only take a few minutes of your time. Information such as the name of the home owner and contact information will need to be collected; however the sample results of a specific home will be kept confidential and will be released to the home owner only. **A report summarizing the results will be provided to the CAO of Lanark Highlands.**

Results of the water sampling will help provide valuable up to date information, on the quality of the water supplying homes in the village, and help inform the decision of the Medical Officer of Health to either continue or rescind the existing Boil Water Advisory. Residents of the Village may contact the Health Unit at 613-283-2740 or 1-800-267-7918.

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