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**Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare Rathkeale
to be held on 14th December 2021**

Question submitted by Councillor O'Donoghue for Meeting held 9th November 2021

I will ask at the next District meeting of Adare /Rathkeale in conjunction with all relevant information from Irish Water for a full breakdown on the issue of the boil water notice in Fedamore village.

1. When and what was detected for the boil notice to be put in place?
2. How many houses/ people are affected?
3. What has been done to date to bring this to a resolution?
4. When will it be resolved?

Reply:

Please note below the response received from Irish Water after the meeting of the 9th November 2021.

"The Boil Water Notice was issued as a result of an increase in turbidity, or cloudiness, in the raw water coming from the underground source that supplies the area. This means that adequate disinfection of the water cannot be guaranteed, and so the water should be boiled before use. The notice affects approximately 500 people. Irish Water has developed a new borehole in line with best practice, additionally a new filtration treatment system has been installed to bring the water supply up to Drinking Water Regulations. This treatment unit is currently at commissioning stage.

In our recent press release (enclosed below) we gave a timeframe of six months before all works would be completed. During this time, Irish Water will be consulting with the HSE on the water quality results and at what stage it will be possible to lift the boil water notice."

Sonja Reidy
Senior Executive Officer
Water Services

16th November 2021

Press Release - Boil Water Notice update for residents in Fedamore Friday, 15 October 2021

A Boil Water Notice remains in place for the Fedamore Public Water Supply due to ongoing issues with the quality of the water source. Irish Water is carrying out ongoing works to resolve this as soon as possible. Irish Water and Limerick City and County Council fully acknowledge the impact and inconvenience caused by this restriction for homes and businesses in the area. Speaking about the Boil Water Notice, Water Lead for Co. Limerick Duane O'Brien said:

"We wish to thank the community for their ongoing patience and assure them that we are working towards resolving the issue as soon as it is safe to do so. We understand and acknowledge the difficulty that living with a boil water notice causes for homes and businesses. However, this is a necessary measure to protect public health."

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"Irish Water are continuing to progress with works to allow this Boil Water Notice to be lifted. In recent months, a new water filtration treatment system has been installed and is presently at commissioning stage. Works are also being undertaken to connect the Fedamore Water Supply Scheme to an adjoining group scheme which will provide future resilience during drought or interruptions. The final element of works, which will allow Irish Water to seek the removal of the Boil Water Notice, requires the construction of several hundred metres of pipeline from the treatment plant. These corrective measures are being prioritised and are all scheduled to be completed in approximately six months." Duane added.

Updates will be available on our Water Supply Updates section on water.ie, on Twitter @IWCare and via our customer care helpline, open 24/7 on 1800 278 278. Further information in relation to the Boil Water Notice is available from <https://www.water.ie/water-supply/water-quality/boil-water-notice/> Irish Water continues to work at this time with our Local Authority partners, contractors and others to safeguard the health and well-being of both staff and the public and to ensure the continuity of critical drinking water and wastewater services. Irish Water is responsible for the delivery of all public water and wastewater services in Ireland. We are committed to continuously upgrading and developing critical infrastructure to support the growth needed in housing and across our economy, while protecting the environment and safeguarding water supplies.

Boil Water Notice advice: Water must be boiled for:

- Drinking
- Drinks made with water
- Preparation of salads and similar foods, which are not cooked prior to eating
- Brushing of teeth
- Making of ice - discard ice cubes in fridges and freezers and filtered water in fridges. Make ice from cooled boiled water.

What actions should be taken:

- Use water prepared for drinking when preparing foods that will not be cooked (e.g. washing salads)
- Water can be used for personal hygiene, bathing and flushing of toilets but not for brushing teeth or gargling
- Boil water by bringing to a vigorous, rolling boil (e.g. with an automatic kettle) and allow to cool. Cover and store in a refrigerator or cold place. Water from the hot tap is not safe to drink. Domestic water filters will not render water safe to drink
- Caution should be taken when bathing children to ensure that they do not swallow the bathing water
- Prepare infant feeds with water that has been brought to the boil once and cooled. Do not use water that has been re-boiled several times. If bottled water is used for the preparation of infant feeds it should be boiled once and cooled.

Bottled water can also be used to make up infant formula. All bottled water, with the exception of natural mineral water, is regulated to the same standard as drinking water. It is best not to use bottled water labelled as 'Natural Mineral Water' as it can have high levels of sodium (salt) and other minerals, although it rarely does. 'Natural Mineral Water' can be used if no other water is available, for as short a time as possible, as it is important to keep babies hydrated. Great care should be taken with boiled water to avoid burns and scalds as accidents can easily happen, especially with children.

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE-RATHKEALE
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2021

Question submitted by Councillor Kevin Sheahan

I will ask at the next Meeting regarding the land bank in Askeaton property of the State if the Council are satisfied we are planning a positive role in promoting these lands in a positive light for development purposes.

REPLY:

The large bank of lands zoned for Industrial Development on the outskirts of Askeaton are owned by Shannon Commercial Properties. Limerick City & County Council, Economic Development Department working with the owners and IDA are actively promoting these lands to interested parties for development and job creation and while there has been no development progressed to date, a number of parties have shown interest. I am satisfied that the Council are playing a positive role engaging with the owners and the IDA in promoting these lands in a positive light for development purposes.

**Vincent Murray,
A/Director of Services,
Economic Development & Enterprise.**

09th December, 2021

MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE-RATHKEALE

TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2021

Question submitted by Councillor Kevin Sheahan

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the plans to improve Askeaton Carnegie Library.

REPLY:

The upgrade of Askeaton Branch Library was identified as an action in the new Library Development Plan. A tender process for the provision of an Architectural & Design Team for the project has now been completed. The next stage of the process is for the appointed architects to prepare a detailed design and cost plan for the work. A further update will issue in due course.

**Gordon Daly,
Director of Services,
Community, Tourism & Culture Directorate**

07th December, 2021