

July 18, 2014

James Barnes

Dear Mr. Barnes

**Re: Request for Investigation – Section 29 – Drinking Water Protection Act
City of North Vancouver, BC**

This letter is in response to your request for investigation of a threat to a water supply system in accordance with section 29 of the Drinking Water Protection Act (B.C Reg 200/2003). Section 1 of the Act defines "threat" as follows:

"threat" means, in relation to drinking water, a condition or thing, or circumstances that may lead to a condition or thing, that may result in drinking water provided by a domestic water system not being potable water;

My response to your request considers your concerns with respect to the above definition of threat:

With respect to the water main repair near Lonsdale and 21st that occurred on April 24, 2014, Vancouver Coastal Health has reviewed the documents you provided and the City's response. The City of North Vancouver had a procedure in place that was meant to ensure water potability following water main repairs. Although it has not been possible to determine the degree to which this procedure was followed on the day in question, Vancouver Coastal Health has no evidence that this resulted in a significant risk to public health. As a result of this investigation the City of North Vancouver has updated their water main disinfection procedure. In addition, training for staff involved in water main repair or replacement has been clarified.

If you have any questions, contact me at 604-983-6758.

Yours truly,

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