## **BOIL WATER ADVISORY**

## ONLY USE WATER THAT HAS BEEN PROPERLY DISINFECTED FOR DRINKING, COOKING, MAKING ANY PREPARED DRINK OR FOR BRUSHING TEETH.

Summary and illustration of key points:	
Filter murky or colored water through clean cloths or allow it to settle. It is better to both settle <i>and</i> filter.	ST D
Boiling is the surest method to make water safe to drink and kill disease- causing microorganisms, which are frequently found in rivers and lakes. Bring water to a rolling boil for 2 minutes, then filter, again. Let it cool, and store it in clean containers with covers. If water is still cloudy or murky, do NOT use.	
To improve the flat taste of boiled water, aerate it by pouring it back and forth from one container to another and allow it to stand for a few hours, or add a pinch of salt for each quart or liter of water boiled.	
When boiling is not practical, certain chemicals will kill most harmful or disease-causing organisms. Chlorine (in the form of unscented bleach) and iodine are the two chemicals commonly used to treat water.	
You can use a non-scented, household chlorine bleach that contains a chlorine compound to disinfect water. (Remember, 1/8 teaspoon and 8 drops are about the same quantity.)	
You can use iodine to disinfect filtered and settled water. Common household iodine from the medicine chest or first aid kit may be used to disinfect water. For cloudy water add ten drops and let the solution stand for at least 30 minutes.	