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## PUBLIC NOTICE

To Residential Well Users:

### **Re: Floodway Construction and Groundwater Action Response Plan**

In the upcoming weeks, the Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA) is planning to begin construction on the Kildare Drain. As was required for previous floodway work, occasional pumping of groundwater to control groundwater pressure during construction will be required.

**Although the MFA does not anticipate any permanent groundwater impacts for water in your residential well over the course of the project,** the MFA has established a Groundwater Action Response Plan, which includes a 24 hour, seven day per week, toll-free telephone line, to respond to any well water impacts that may be experienced by property owners in the vicinity of construction. If you experience problems with your water supply that may be the result of the floodway construction, the number to call toll free is:

**1 – 877 – 456 - 1201**

This toll-free number, part of MFA's Groundwater Action Response Plan, will ensure that MFA responds in a timely manner to any unforeseen and temporary groundwater impacts due to construction. In addition, the MFA has developed a comprehensive groundwater management program to mitigate any related impacts to surrounding wells. This program has been reviewed and approved by the provincial regulators. Permits under the Manitoba *Water Rights Act* have been issued that authorize work to proceed.

Residents interested to learn more about both projects and MFA's Groundwater Action Response Plan are encouraged to attend a public open house hosted by the MFA:

- Tuesday, December 19, 2006 at Canad Inns Transcona, 826 Regent Avenue West, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Groundwater protection has been a top priority for the MFA. The Groundwater Action Response Plan is an important component of our commitment to groundwater and environmental protection, as we move forward with the floodway expansion project. The Groundwater Action Response Plan and the 24/7 telephone line will help us to respond to residents on this important issue. If you have any questions about this plan, please do not hesitate to contact the MFA directly at 945-4900 or visit the MFA's website at [www.floodwayauthority.mb.ca](http://www.floodwayauthority.mb.ca) for more information.