



MEDIA ALERT

NOTICE RE DOOR-TO-DOOR WATER SAMPLING

For Immediate Release – April 23, 2010 – 3:30 p.m.

Welland – The City of Welland has received many calls and complaints about a person, or persons, going door-to-door in various areas of the City asking residents to provide them with a water sample from their tap and asking the resident to sign a document. The person requesting the water sample from the resident does not clearly identify themselves or who they represent. **Many residents are mistakenly assuming that this is a City of Welland initiative, and it is not.**

The City of Welland may visit your residence to obtain a water sample for specific and varied reasons and will identify what that reason is. When City staff does attend at your residence they will clearly identify themselves, show identification, and will take the water sample personally (and will not ask the resident to take the sample) in order to ensure the sample is obtained in accordance with proper procedures.

Niagara Regional Police (NRP) has been contacted due to the number of complaints received by the City. NRP suggests that a person should clearly identify themselves, the company they represent, and the purpose for their visit at your home, and that you are under no obligation to allow a person access to your home or to provide them with any information if you are uncomfortable doing so.

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