



River Breakup Advisory

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River Breakup Advisory for Peace River at the Town of Peace River

Alberta Environment has issued a **River Breakup Advisory** for the Peace River at the Town of Peace River.

At this time, the breakup of the Peace River ice is in a thermal mode, with the ice eroding in place. As of yesterday morning, the head of the ice cover on the Peace River was located 34 km upstream of the Town of Peace River. At the current rate of retreat, the head of the ice cover is expected to reach the Town of Peace River this Sunday.

The elevation of the river at 10:30 AM today was 314.3 m, which is 6.2 m below the top of the dike. No significant increase in stage is expected during the breakup.

With the onset of warmer Spring temperatures, ice breakup will occur in Alberta's rivers. This may result in the formation of ice jams, but not always. The location and occurrence of ice jams, and possible associated flooding, are very unpredictable. Local authorities are advised to monitor the ice covers and water levels in the rivers in their communities.

Alberta Environment is monitoring the situation collaboratively with B.C. Hydro and the Municipal Government of the Town of Peace River. This advisory is in effect for 7 days and will be updated if there is any change in conditions.