

River Breakup Advisory for the 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.

As of Wednesday, April 8, 2009 observations of the ice conditions on the Peace River show that the ice cover is receding and deteriorating. The ice front on the Peace River was roughly 82 km upstream from the Town of Peace River on April 7. Based on this observation and the current weather forecast for the Peace River region it is expected that the ice front on the Peace River will recede through the Town of Peace River within approximately 7 days.

Snow pack conditions in the region are above average, but it is expected that water levels on the Peace River will be typical during breakup.

For more information about local flood response, residents should contact their local municipality and ask for their primary emergency preparedness contact. Information is also available on the Town of Peace River website <http://peaceriver.govoffice.com/>.

Additional information is available from Alberta Environment at:

<http://www.environment.alberta.ca/forecasting/RiverIce/index.html>

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 working closely with B.C. Hydro and the Municipal Government of the Town of Peace River to monitor the situation. This advisory is in effect for 7 days and will be updated if there is any change in conditions.

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