

Ice Jam Advisory for the Peace River at the Town of Peace River

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

On Saturday, April 21, the ice cover on the Peace River at the Town of Peace River broke up. An ice jam formed and released upstream of the railway and highway bridges. No flooding occurred. The ice cover on the Peace River upstream of the Smoky River confluence remains intact. The possibility of additional jams forming still exists.

Information regarding breakup is available on the Town of Peace River website <http://peacriver.govoffice.com/>.

Additional information from Alberta Environment can be found at

<http://www3.gov.ab.ca/env/water/WS/ForecastersComments/Index.html>

An Ice Jam Advisory means that an ice jam has been reported in a low risk area. The potential exists for sudden increases in river levels both upstream and downstream of the ice jam. Changes in water levels can occur upstream of the jam as water collects behind the jam. If the jam releases suddenly, a surge of water could be sent downstream. At this time, residents in the affected area should act with caution around the river body of concern.

An Ice Jam Warning means that an ice jam is reported in a location that may significantly impact one or more communities. The potential exists for sudden increases in river levels both upstream and downstream of the ice jam. Changes in water levels can occur upstream of the jam as water collects behind the jam. If the jam releases suddenly, a surge of water could be sent downstream. Residents in the affected area are advised to move valuable items, whether property, vehicles, furniture, or livestock to higher ground or upper levels of buildings, particularly in those areas that have experienced flooding in the past.

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