**DRINKING WATER WARNING**

**[System] Failed to OPTION 1: Complete Corrective Actions OPTION 2: be in Compliance with a State Approved Corrective Action Plan following Confirmation of E.coli in our Source**

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. As our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether our drinking water meets health standards. On [give date], we collected [# of samples collected for this source] sample(s) from [source] and [# of samples E. coli positive] tested positive for E. Coli. **OPTION:** On [give date], we collected five additional samples from [source] and [# of samples E. Coli positive] tested positive for E. Coli, which confirms the contamination of our source.

You were notified of the E. Coli in our water on [date of Tier 1 PN previously issued]. **OPTION 1:** The [Boil Water Before Use Advisory or Do not Drink] remains in place until further notice. **OPTION 2:** Further monitoring was conducted on [date] with no detection of E. Coli; therefore, you no longer need to boil your water or take other corrective actions; however, [System] is still required to assess the system and correct any defects found.

Water systems that are found to have source contamination must submit a corrective action plan within 30 days and complete those corrective actions within 120 days.

**What does this mean?**

This is not an emergency. If it had been you would have been notified within 24 hours of us becoming aware.

**OPTION 1:** We failed to complete corrective actions.

**OPTION 2:** We failed to be in compliance with a State approved corrective action plan within 120 days for an identified Ground Water Rule significant deficiency.

\**E. Coli are microbes whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated*

*with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause short-term health effects,*

*such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a*

*special health risk for infants, young children, some of the elderly, and people with severely*

*compromised immune systems.\**

Failure to correct significant deficiencies has the potential to cause distribution system contamination. Inadequately treated or inadequately protected water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms can cause symptoms such as diarrhea, nausea, cramps, and associated headaches. We are committed to correcting the deficiency to eliminate the threat of contamination.

**What should I do?**

**• OPTION 1: DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.**Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

• **OPTION 2:** You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

•If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from their health care providers about drinking this water. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

**What is being done?**

[Describe corrective action with timeframe of when system expects to complete each corrective action].

**Options:**

• We have discontinued use of the contaminated well and will rely on our other sources

to meet demand.

• We are providing water from an alternative source until the problem is resolved.

• We expect to complete our approved corrective action plan by [Date].

• We are abandoning the contaminated well and will replace it with a well constructed to standards.

• We are pursuing treatment options for disinfection of the water from this source.

• We have installed temporary disinfection while we pursue long term treatment or other options to eliminate contamination from this source.

For more information, please contact [name of contact] at [phone number] or [mailing address]. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

*\*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail. \**

This notice is being sent to you by [system].

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