**DRINKING WATER WARNING**

**[System] Failed to OPTION 1: Complete Corrective Actions OPTION 2: be in Compliance with a State Approved Corrective Action Plan following a Site Visit in which a Significant Deficiency was Discovered**

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.

During a site visit on [DATE], we discovered that our water system had a significant deficiency which may impact our water quality if not corrected within an acceptable timeframe. Water systems that are found to have a significant deficiency during a site visit 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 addressing a significant deficiency.

**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.

A "significant deficiency" is defined as a **defect in design**, **operation**, or **maintenance**, or a **failure or malfunction of the sources**, **treatment**, **storage**, or **distribution system that the state determines to be causing**, or has **potential for causing**, the **introduction of contamination into the water delivered** to consumers.

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?**

•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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