**DRINKING WATER NOTICE**

**[System] Failed to Conduct a Detailed Assessment (Level 2) and Perform Corrective Action(s) after Testing Positive for Total Coliform.**

Our water system previously tested positive for coliform bacteria on [DATE] which was the [number of occurrences] time within the past 12 months.. When this occurs, we are required to conduct a detailed Level 2 Assessment of our water system to identify and correct any sanitary defects (problems). [System] failed to conduct the required assessment by [date assessment was due] and corrective actions by [date corrective action was due] as required under the Revised Total Coliform Rule.

As our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct the situation.

**What does this mean?**

This is not an emergency. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

We incurred a violation under the Revised Total Coliform Rule for failing to conduct the required assessment and correct all sanitary defects identified during the assessment following the detection of total coliform.

 *\*Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, waterborne pathogens may be present or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. \**

Failure to conduct a detailed assessment to identify and correct sanitary defects 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.

• If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.

**What is being done?**

[Describe corrective action and give a status update.]

OPTIONS:

• We completed a detailed assessment on [date] and have begun to correct the sanitary defect(s) identified by taking the following corrective actions. [Describe corrective actions].

• We are scheduled to complete the required assessment on [date] and will take corrective actions in response to all identified sanitary defects.

We anticipate completing/have completed the detailed assessment and all corrective actions by [date].

For more information, please contact [Insert Contact Name], manager of [System], at [phone number] or write to [mailing address].

*\*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 posted by [System].

PWSID: [PWSID #].

Distributed: [Date]