

NOTICE

BACTERIOLOGICAL QUALITY STANDARD FAILURE

Name of Water Purveyor _____ Date: _____

This notification of all water consumers is being performed in compliance with the laws and regulations of the California Department of Health Services (Department) to keep you fully informed about your drinking water.

The bacteriological quality of the water served by the _____ water system during the month of _____ did not meet the drinking water standard specified in the California Domestic Water Quality and Monitoring Regulations. A public water system which collects fewer than 40 samples per month is in violation of the total coliform MCL when more than one sample collected during any month is total-coliform positive.

The California Department of Health Services (Department) sets drinking water standards and has determined that the presence of total coliform is a possible health concern. Total coliform are common in the environment and are generally not harmful themselves. The presence of these bacteria in drinking water, however, generally is a result of a problem with water treatment or the pipes, which distribute the water, and indicates that the water may be contaminated with organisms that can cause disease. Disease symptoms may include diarrhea, cramps, nausea, and possibly jaundice, and any associated headaches and fatigue. These symptoms, however, are not just associated with disease-causing organisms in drinking water, but also may be caused by a number of factors other than your drinking water. The Department has set an enforceable drinking water standard for total coliform to reduce the risk of these adverse health effects. Under this standard, no more than 5.0 percent of the samples collected during a month can contain these bacteria, except that systems collecting fewer than 40 samples/month that have one total coliform-positive sample per month are not violating the standard. Drinking water which meets this standard is usually not associated with a health risk from disease-causing bacteria and should be considered safe.

Upon determination that the bacteriological standard was not met, the water system took the following steps to correct the violation:

For additional information regarding the coliform rule for drinking water, contact _____ (*water purveyor name and phone number*)