

# **Important Information about your Drinking Water**

## **LAKE FOREST WATER COOP failed to report an assessment of the facility and distribution system**

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. We found coliforms indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessments to identify deficits in our water system that might have contributed to the finding. We did this immediately, checking the list of possible problems provided by the DNR and found that none of them were present. We also assessed the sampling procedures and found that they were carried out correctly. The DNR sent us an electronic form to report our assessments within 30 days. Unfortunately, the files we received could either not be opened on our computers or were impossible to fill out correctly. We later received a file that we were able to fill out and it was accepted by the DNR. But the fact that we missed the 30 day deadline to report our assessments put us in violation of State and Federal Safe Drinking Water Standards and requires us to post this notice to our users.

Since we found no deficits in our system that might indicate possible ongoing contamination and since subsequent samples have been negative for coliform we feel that users of our water have no cause for concern. The following text is from the DNR standard form and is no longer relevant at this point.

### **What precautions should be taken at this time?**

You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply or boil your water. 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 a health care provider before consuming this water.

### **What does this mean?**

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Failure to conduct an assessment to identify a sanitary defect(s) that triggered the assessment has the potential to permit on-going distribution system contamination. We are committed to finding and fixing any defects that may be a cause for contamination.

### **What is being done to correct the problem?**

Corrective action(s) taken: Chlorination

After chlorination the test for chloroform bacteria was negative and all subsequent tests have been negative.

### **If you have questions regarding the safety of our drinking water, please contact:**

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I certify that the information and statements contained in this public notice are true and correct and have been provided to consumers in accordance with the delivery, content, format, and deadline requirements in Subchapter VII of ch. NR 809, Wis. Adm. Code.

**X Gary Davis, 12/20/2024**

**Tier 2 Notice**