



PUBLIC NOTICE

Pineridge Estates Water System PWS # 494292

ATTENTION: RESIDENTS OF THE PINERIDGE ESTATES WATER SYSTEM

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Tests Showed the Presence of Coliform Bacteria

Our water system violated a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers in the Pineridge Estates Water System (PWS ID# 349-4292), you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct this situation.

The Tohopekahga Water Authority routinely monitors for drinking water contaminants. On 5 August 2009 and 7 August 2009, we took a total of 8 distribution samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria. Two (2) of our samples tested positive for coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than one (1) distribution sample per month may test positive.

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.

People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800)426-4791.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or E. coli, are present. We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing. Further testing conducted on 7 August 2009 showed that the bacteria were no longer present in the water distribution system. This situation will be resolved after five satisfactory distribution sample results are obtained in September 2009 as required by FDEP Regulation. Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with our treatment or distribution system (pipes). Coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

What happened? What was done?

We took additional distribution samples for coliform bacteria which all came back negative. As an added precaution, we flushed the pipes in the distribution system to make sure bacteria were eliminated.

For more information, please contact Mary Rose Guidone, Utility Information Coordinator:

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Please share this information with all other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly. You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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