

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.  
Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

## **Tests Showed Coliform Bacteria in Odd Fellows Sierra Rec. Association Water Supply**

Our water system recently failed a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants in the Odd Fellows Sierra Rec. Association water system. A total of six (6) water samples were collected during the month of August 2005 and three (3) showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than one (1) sample per month may show the presence of coliform bacteria.

### **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. 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.*

Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the system's treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever coliform bacteria are detected in any sample, follow-up testing is done to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present. None of the positive coliform samples showed the presence of fecal coliform bacteria or the bacterium *E. coli*.

### **What happened? What was done?**

The cause of the problem is not known for sure. However Mike repaired several small breaks during the month of August. We chlorinated on the weekend of the 20th and samples taken since then have been clear of coliforms.

For more information, please contact Bob Cloak at 586-1459 or at the following mailing address: PO Box 116 Long Barn, Ca 95335.

*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.*

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