

Attachment B
TOTAL COLIFORM BACTERIA STANDARD FAILURE

Dear Customer:

The bacteriological quality of the drinking water served by the Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association Water System during the month of July 2001, did not meet the drinking water standards specified in Section 64426.1, California Code of Regulations (CCR). Water samples collected during July 2001 showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The System was disinfected and flushed. Water samples collected after these procedures were completed tested negative for total coliform bacteria. Therefore no special precautions were necessary on your part.

The cause of the positive samples has been attributed to recent breaks in distribution lines and subsequent repair.

The California Department of Health Services (Department) sets drinking water standards and has determined that the presence of total coliforms is a possible health concern. Total coliforms 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 coliforms to reduce the risk of these adverse health effects. Systems collecting fewer than 40 samples/month that have more than one coliform-positive sample per month are in violation of 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.

This notification of the public is being done in compliance with the California Health and Safety Code and Title 22 California Code of Regulations as a means of keeping the public informed. Consumers wishing more information should contact the System at

209-586-3098

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Date

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