

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Tests showed Coliform Bacteria in the Comore Loma water

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Our water system recently violated 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 and are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. Samples we took on February 27 to test for the presence of coliform bacteria showed the presence of total coliform and absent for E.coli. We suspect that this contamination was due to the a residual level of Total Coliform in a pocket of the system. **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 a routine sample and this was a warning of potential problems.

Usually, Coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the distribution system (pipes). 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.

Upon receiving the results of the routine sample showing positive for total coliform, we will resample the Zone 1,2 and three locations in the system near the first sample. We will post the results of those samples.

Corrective action includes

- **Chlorinating storage tanks**
- **Resampling after the chlorine has a chance to migrate through the entire system (approximately 24 hours).**

For more information, please contact Colvin Jergins at (208) 390-7073.

Please share this information with all the 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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