

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Tests Showed Coliform Bacteria in Big Park Water Company Water PWS ID# 13-012

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 to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. We took eight routine samples to test for the presence of Coliform bacteria during October. One routine and three repeat samples showed the presence of total Coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than 1 sample per month may do so.

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. *Coliform are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliform were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*

Usually, Coliform are a sign that there could be a problem with the system's treatment or 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. **We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing.**

What is being done?

Big Park Water Company took immediate action by flushing the water lines to bring fresh water to the area. Although we never felt that our customers were at risk, flushing the water system is a yearly program we perform. In addition to taking repeat samples of the area we took samples from each well site. Further testing shows that this problem has been resolved.

For more information, please contact Nick Gudovic at 928-284-2298 or 45 Castle Rock Road Suite 4 Sedona, AZ 86351.

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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