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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Nutley Water Department Failed to Perform Activities Required to Address Coliform Bacteria Contamination of the Water System

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. As our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation. In 2 samples collected on 7/24/2023, we found Coliform bacteria.

We were required to conduct a detailed Level 1 Assessment and submit documentation to the state within 30 days of learning of the Total Coliform violation. We failed to conduct the required assessment by October 19, 2023.

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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.
- If you have a severely compromised immune system, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your healthcare provider about drinking this water. You should also seek advice from your healthcare provider about using the water if you have an infant. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by bacteria and other disease-causing organisms are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1- 800-426-4791.

What does this mean?

Since total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves, this is not an emergency. If it had been you would have been notified within 24 hours.

Failure to identify and correct the defects has the potential to cause continued distribution system contamination. Inadequately treated or inadequately protected water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms can cause symptoms such as diarrhea, nausea, cramps, and associated headaches.

What is being done?

The water temperature was unusually high across the entire distribution system due to the heat wave in New Jersey, which raised the temperature of all surface water sources. To improve water quality throughout the system, we performed extensive flushing in targeted areas.

We have completed the required Tier 1 Assessment Form and submitted to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection.

For more information, please contact Dominic Ferry, Licensed Water and Sewer Operator at (973) 284-4984 or via email at dferry@nutleynj.org.

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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