

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

### **Cedar Creek Water Cooperative Inc. failed to Correct Significant Deficiencies Within Required Time Frame**

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct the situation.

A routine Sanitary Survey conducted on June 30, 2015 by Jeff Pompeo of the New Mexico Environment Department - Drinking Water Bureau (NMED-DWB) found:

1. No or inadequate system maps.
2. Lack of a formal Operations and Maintenance Plan or necessary operational policies.
3. Lack of a formal Emergency Response Plan.
4. No or inadequate sampling plans and/or schedules.

The Sanitary Survey Report received was dated July,25, 2015. We were to consult with the NMED-DWB regarding the appropriate corrective actions within 30 days of the dated document received as required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA's) Ground Water Rule. This was done on August 13, 2015. Additionally, we were required to complete the corrective action in accordance with applicable NMED-DWB plan review processes including NMED-DWB specified interim measures or be in compliance with a NMED-DWB corrective action plan within 120 days of the dated document. Corrective actions were discussed with the DWB on November 16, 2015; corrections to initial documents were necessary and were transmitted to the DWB on December 29, 2015 but did not meet the established deadlines.

### **What should I do?**

- This violation is primarily a paperwork problem. There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or otherwise take any special precautions. However, if you have any specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at an increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking CCWC water. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. CCWC water is treated by Sodium Hypochlorite per EPA guidelines.

### **What does this mean?**

This is **not** an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. Again there is no evidence that CCWC water is inadequate.

### **What is being done?**

The required documents mentioned above have been prepared and sent to the NMED-DWB. We are currently awaiting final approval on these documents; if you would like a copy of the Sanitary Survey Report or the CCWC completed documents, please contact a Board member.

For more information, please contact Donald DeMart at 505-771-1325 or

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