

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Rivermeadows Water District Failed to Correct a Significant Deficiency 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 the District is doing to correct this situation.

A routine sanitary survey conducted on 9/30/2015 by the Environmental Protection Agency Region 8 (EPA) determined that the air vent on the on the water storage tank does not have sufficient height above the adjacent soil surface.

A routine sanitary survey conducted on 10/16/2018 by the Environmental Protection Agency Region 8 (EPA) questioned the integrity of the well cap seals on each of the three operating water supply wells and requested documentation of functioning sanitary well seal gaskets and tightened wall cap bolts for each well.

As required by EPA's Ground Water Rule, we were required to take action to correct this deficiency. However, we failed to take this action by the deadlines established by EPA.

What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to 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, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water. 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 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. These symptoms, however, are not caused only by organisms in drinking water, but also by other factors. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

Please Note: The District performs monthly bacteria testing in accordance with EPA requirements. As a separate issue from this notice, water samples collected on 5/24/2021 tested positive for Coliform. Repeat samples collected on 5/26/2021 tested positive for both Coliform and E. Coli bacteria. Per EPA instructions, a boil water order was issued on 5/27/2021 and rescinded on 6/2/2021. Follow up water sample testing has repeatedly tested negative for both Coliform and E. Coli bacteria.

Action Plan: The District is cooperating with EPA in resolving these issues and will issue repeat notices on a quarterly basis, as required by EPA, until each deficiency is resolved.

- **Water Tank Vent** – The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) approved the original tank construction plans which included details for the vent. DEQ will need to review and issue a permit for any proposed modification. The District is presently working to custom design a suitable vent modification suitable to both EPA and DEQ. Once the design is approved, the vent will be shop fabricated and installed. Anticipated completion date: 11/01/2021 (revised).
- **Well Cap and Seals** – New well cap seals were installed on Well #1 and Well #3 on 5/12/2021. A new well cap seal was installed on Well #2 on 6/1/2021.

For more information, please contact (name of system contact) Matt Ost diek, Rendezvous Engineering at 307-733-5252 or P.O. Box 4858, Jackson, WY 83001.

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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