

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Jacksonville Beach Bacteriological Monitoring Public Notice

What happened?

Our water system did not meet the requirements of a drinking water rule. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. For community water systems such as ours, monthly monitoring is required for Total Coliform. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During the September 2016 compliance period, one (1) sample out of twelve (12) tested positive for Total Coliform bacteria in the distribution system. During sampling, outside influences such as wind, dust, rain, including sampling and laboratory errors, can easily create a “false positive” indicator of bacteria. All repeat samples taken on 9/22/2016, were satisfactory, however, we did not monitor or test Total Coliform in the ground water within 24 hours of being notified of the positive result and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of the source water at that time. All ground water well samples taken on 10/4/2016, and the 25 distribution samples taken on 10/10/2016, 10/17/2016, and 10/24/2016 were satisfactory.

What should I do?

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present. Microbes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, some elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems.

There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. You may continue to drink the water. However, any customers who are concerned about their exposure to Coliforms can choose alternative sources of water for ingestion.

What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately.

What is being done?

We collected monthly samples from all ground water wells and had them tested for total coliforms on September 6th, and again on October 4th, 2016. None of the samples tested positive for total coliform bacteria. All ground water wells will be sampled within 24 hours of being notified of the positive result for total coliform in the distribution system.

For more information, please contact Michael Taylor at 904-247-6278.

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.

This notice is being sent to you by Jacksonville Beach Water Treatment Plant

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