

February 18, 2015

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT YOUR WATER SYSTEM
Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Exceeded: Non-Acute MCL
No Harmful Contaminants Were Found

The Meadowmeer Water Service Association (MWSA), ID# 532750, in Kitsap County routinely monitors for the presence of total coliform bacteria and in January 2015 this type of bacteria was detected. Although this incident was not an emergency, as a shareholder and/or water consumer, you have a right to know what happened and what has been done and what is being done to correct the situation.

Total coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment (common in soils, plants and animals) and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present. During January 2015, coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

The samples that showed the presence of total coliforms were further tested to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, were present; **no harmful bacteria were found. You do not need to boil your water.** People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at an increased risk and may want to contact their health care provider for additional guidance. For more information, please refer to the Washington State Safe Drinking Water website, and the MWSA website:

www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/DrinkingWater/Contaminants/Coliform

MWSAwater.org

MWSA is performing the following actions to identify and eliminate any bacteria in the system:

- The water system has been inspected, and no single source of bacteria could be found. Both tanks and the pumping equipment have been recently cleaned and cleaning of the distribution system is on-going.
- Chlorination and flushing of the system began immediately following detection of bacteria. Continued chlorination and flushing will occur through the month of February.
- **Follow-up collection of water samples within the system has been performed and all the samples collected to date showed no indication of bacteria.**
- Expanded routine testing will be performed in February and in the next couple of months to ensure that any bacteria remaining have been eliminated through chlorination and flushing.

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Sincerely,

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