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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.
Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

**Tests Showed Coliform Bacteria in the
Arcohe School Water System**

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants in the Arcohe School Water System. On 9/13/17 and 9/15/17 we took a total of 5 samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria. Five of these samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than one sample per month may show the presence of coliform bacteria.

What Should You Do?

You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. 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 immediately. Coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*

Usually, coliform are a sign that there could be a problem with our treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present. **We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing.**

What Happened? What Was Done?

Routine and repeat sampling came back positive for total coliform. We are working to clean the system.

For more information contact Quality Service at 209-838-7842.

Please share this information with all other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly.

I (We) declare under penalty of perjury that the statements on this application are correct to my (our) knowledge and the actions taken to notify the users of this water system are in compliance with California Code of Regulations (CCR), for exceeding the Maximum Contaminant Level for Total Coliform bacteria.

Signature: _____

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Date: 9/18/17