

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Public Water System Failed to Correct a 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 are doing to correct this situation.

A routine inspection conducted on November 4, 2021 by the EPA found that the deficiencies identified during the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's February 17, 2021 sanitary survey had not been corrected. We were required to take action to correct this deficiency. However, we failed to take this action by the deadline established by the 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.
- The significant deficiencies have the potential to cause or allow water contamination. While we have not detected any evidence of contamination in our water, we are committed to correcting the deficiencies to eliminate the threat of contamination. Inadequately treated or inadequately protected water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms can cause symptoms such as diarrhea, nausea, cramps, and associated headaches. Failure to correct the deficiency according to the established schedule prolongs the risk of contamination of our water.

What is being done?

We completed the required assessment of the deficiencies to be addressed, damaged storage tanks, inadequate overflow pipe heights, missing vent screens, and required record maintenance. We are currently correcting the problem on a schedule approved by the EPA. For more information, please contact Ross Burgess at (708) 331-0032.

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.

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