

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

este informe contiene informacion muy imprtant sobre su agua potable. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Fairfield Osborn Preserve Failed to Test for Coliform Bacteria in the 1st Quarter (Jan/Feb/Mar)2011

Our water system failed to test the drinking water for coliform bacteria during the first quarter of 2011. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did to correct the situation. Please share this information with 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 space or giving out copies by hand or mail.

What happened?

We are required by state regulations to monitor our drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of this routine monitoring are an indicator of whether or not the drinking water meets health standards. We did not test for coliform bacteria during January, February, and March in the distribution system and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of the drinking water during that time.

What does this mean?

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful bacteria may be present. Coliform bacteria are indicators of potential contamination and may originate from human, animal, or soil sources. If the coliform standards are met, the water served can be considered safe from bacteria. If they are not met, drinking water may no necessarily result in illness, but that possibility exists. Routine sampling and follow up sampling are important to periodically verify the water quality. Our failure to test the drinking water for bacteria during the 1st quarter of 2011 was a violation of Section 64423, Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

What should I do?

This is not an emergency. If you have health concerns, you may wish to consult your doctor. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

What corrective actions have been taken?

University CDPH-certified operators will take three additional samples during May, June, and July 2011. in addition to the routine sample for the same quarter. This notice will be posted at FOP for seven days during June of 2011 and distributed to customers in a local publication or posted on the Fairfield Osborn Preserve web page.

This notification of the public is being done in compliance with Sections 64463.4 and 64465, Title 22 of the CCR as a means of keeping the public informed.

Persons wishing more information should contact: Craig Dawson, Director of Utilities/Environmental Health & Safety, 664-2932 or extension 4-2932 from a campus phone. Sonoma State University, 1801 E. Cotati Ave., Rohnert Park, CA 94928.

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