



IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT YOUR WATER SYSTEM

Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Exceeded: Non-Acute MCL

The Gardiner LUD 1 Water System, ID# 07877W, in Jefferson County routinely monitors for the presence of total coliform bacteria and in December 2008 this type of bacteria was detected. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customer, you have a right to know what happened and what we did or are doing to correct the situation.

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.

The samples that showed the presence of coliform were further tested to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E.coli* were present. **None of these bacteria were found.**

You do not need to boil your water. People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may at be an increased risk and may want to contact their health care provider for additional guidance.

The source of the contamination has been identified and is being addressed. A buildup of leaves around the vent of the reservoir decomposed and filtered through the screened opening. A new vent is being installed that will prevent leaves from being a source of contamination. The system has since been chlorinated, flushed and retested.

At this time we anticipate resolving the problem by December 19, 2008

For more information:

Contact Doug Reeder at (360) 301-0708 or at 230 Chimacum Road, Port Hadlock

Please share this notice 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 sent to you by PUD#1 of Jefferson County

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