

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Failure to Correct a Significant Deficiency

Public Water System: Burns Paiute Water System Date distributed: _____

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 what we are doing to correct this situation.

A sanitary survey conducted on 2 / 14 / 25 by our Technical Assistance Provider on behalf of the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) found the following significant deficiencies:

The water system experiences recurring events of low pressure in the distribution system

The water system does not have written standard operating procedures

The water system does not have an operator certified at the correct level

As required by EPA's Ground Water Rule, we were required to take action to correct all significant deficiencies. However, we failed to take this action by the deadline established by 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, unless further direction is received. 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 healthcare providers about drinking this water. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from on the EPA Ground Water and Drinking Water Website at <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water>.

What does this mean?

- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours.
- **Inadequately treated or inadequately protected water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.**
- These symptoms, however, are not caused only by organisms in drinking water, but also by other factors. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

What is being done?

We anticipate resolving the problem within a 12 MONTH time frame by doing the following:

LOW PRESSURE IS BEING ADDRESSED WITH NEW MAIN WATER PIPE WITH IHS. WE ARE WORKING WITH EPA FOR OPERATING PROCEDURE. WE NOW HAVE A CERTIFIED WATER OPERATOR

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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