

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

## Stillwater Water District 1 Failed to Perform Activities Required to Address Coliform Bacteria Contamination of the Water System

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. As our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation. In one routine sample collected on 10/25/2021 and two repeat samples collected on 10/27/2021 we found Coliform bacteria.

We were required to conduct a detailed Level 1 Assessment and submit documentation to the state within 30 days of learning of the Total Coliform violation. *We failed to conduct the required assessment by December 12, 2021.*

### What should I 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, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your healthcare provider about drinking this water. You should also seek advice from your healthcare provider about using the water if you have an infant. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by bacteria and other disease-causing organisms are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

### What does this mean?

Since total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves, this is not an emergency. If it had been you would have been notified within 24 hours. *\*However, coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, waterborne pathogens may be present or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. We found coliforms indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessments to identify problems and to correct any problems that are found.\**

Failure to identify and correct the defects has the potential to cause continued distribution system 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.

### What is being done?

Stillwater District 1 Water System is hard at work to turn around your water system. An assessment was completed and have not found any issues which were indicators to these positive results. These samples were taken by a former operator and since then all samples have been negative. Failure to conduct the level 1 assessment was also failed by former operator. We continue to monitor our water system on a monthly basis and we are hard at work to bring Stillwater District 1 Water System back into compliance.

For more information, please contact [Michael J. Lata](#) at [973-529-4694](#).

*\*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.\**

This notice is being sent to you by **Stillwater Water District 1**. PWSID#: **NJ1920001**.

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