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TOTAL COLIFORM DETECTION WELFLEET MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM (WMWS) THIS IS NOT AN EMERGENCY RESIDENTS DO NOT NEED TO TAKE ACTION AT THIS TIME TEMPORARY CHLORINATION SET UP AS A PRECAUTION

THIS NOTICE IS TO INFORM CUSTOMERS OF THE WMWS THAT ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2011 WE WERE NOTIFIED BY OUR LAB THAT SAMPLE LOCATIONS IN THE SYSTEM TESTED POSITIVE FOR TOTAL COLIFORM BACTERIA. AS REQUIRED BY MASSDEP, WE TOOK REPEAT SAMPLES ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2011, OF WHICH SEVERAL AGAIN CAME BACK POSITIVE.

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. 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.

IN RESPONSE TO THIS DETECTION, WE IMMEDIATELY FLUSHED THE WATER SYSTEM, ADDED SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE TO THE TANK AND BEGAN SLOWLY FEEDING IT INTO THE WATER SYSTEM. WE WILL TAKE ADDITIONAL SAMPLES TODAY, AND CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION UNTIL IT HAS BEEN RESOLVED.

WE FEEL THAT SEVERAL FACTORS COULD HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THIS DETECTION, WHICH INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, INCREASED WATER MAIN CONSTRUCTION, ISO FLOW TESTING AND REDUCED USAGE IN THE SYSTEM.

For general information or concerns, please contact the WMWS at 774-722-1947, E-mail the WMWS Board of Water Commissioners at bwc@wellfleet-ma.gov, or call WhiteWater Inc. at 888-377-7678. Please check the town's website periodically for important updates www.wellfleetma.org. We thank you in advance for your patience during this process.



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