DRINKING WATER WARNING

Westminster Aqueduct Society WSID # 5306

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

Due to the need for system maintenance/repair including but not limited low pressure and lack of water there is a strong possibility that your drinking water supply may become contaminated on the way to the tap. This situation presents a significant health risk to users of the Westminster Aqueduct Society water system. The Westminster Aqueduct Society is issuing a Boil Water Notice for users, effective immediately.

What should I do?

DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST. Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation **until further notice**. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other; potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. When a water system is experiencing fluctuations in water pressure the possibility exists for bacteria and other harmful organisms to enter the water distribution system and contaminate your drinking water supply.

People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 (800) 426-4791.

What happened? What is being done?

This Boil Water Notice will remain in effect until the water system maintenance/repair is complete and the system is able to demonstrate that the quality and quantity of the drinking water meets State and Federal drinking water standards.

We will inform you when the necessary system maintenance/repair has been completed and tests show no bacteria present in the drinking water supply. We anticipate resolving the problem depending on when our water flow returns to normal.

For more information, please contact Louis Blanchard at 802-289-3114 General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division at (800) 823-6500.

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.

Certification

Method(s) of Distribution: _____ Date Distributed: _____

(e.g. hand or direct delivery, posting[1], television, radio)

I _____(print name) Certify, as the Responsible Person (or authorized representative) of the water system indicated above, that the public notice has been provided to customers in accordance with the delivery, content, and format requirements and deadlines in the Vermont Water Supply Rule (Chapter 21, Subchapter 21-10).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Within 10 days of issuance of public notice, send a copy of the notice to:

Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division, One National Life Drive – Main 2, Montpelier, VT 05620-3521

1 - Community Water Systems may use posting as a second method, but must also use radio, television, or hand or direct delivery.