

**Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR) Failure to Perform any Level 1 Assessment or a Level 2 Assessment that is Not Triggered by an *E. coli* MCL Violation –
Template 2-21 (2A or 2B)**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

CITY OF WELLS Failed to Perform Activities Required to Address Coliform Bacteria Contamination of the Water System

During recent routine monitoring, our water system tested positive for total coliform bacteria. Coliform bacteria are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, waterborne pathogens, such as *E. coli*, 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. We failed to conduct the required assessment by August 30, 2024.

As our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation.

What should I do?

- You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, please 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.

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?

The City of Wells Utility System has submitted the proper paperwork needed to address the Level 1 Assessment.

For more information, please contact Carl Pennington or Roy Shanks, Operators for the City of Wells at (936) 867-4615 or PO Box 20 Wells, Texas 75976.

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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