

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

TESTS SHOW COLIFORM BACTERIA IN TOWN OF CLINTON WATER DEPARTMENT WATER

Town of Clinton Water Department, as is required by law,

provides the following notification that it is in violation of a drinking water standard, specifically the Total Coliform Rule by exceeding the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for total coliform bacteria. Although this is not an emergency, our water supply reported more than one (1) positive sample during the month of June, 2010.

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

Total Coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. Coliform are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliform were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

Usually, coliform are a sign that there could be a problem with the treatment or distribution system. Whenever coliform bacteria are detected in any sample, follow-up testing is performed to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or E-coli are present. None of these bacteria were found in any of our subsequent testing.

What Happened?

Two (2) total coliform samples of the sixteen (16) routine total coliform samples taken monthly exceeded the maximum contaminant level. This can be attributed to the warmer summer conditions.

What we are Doing?

Follow-up testing was performed to confirm the absence of fecal coliform or e-coli. None of these bacteria were found to be present.

Additional samples were collected during the week of June 28, 2010 and the sampling showed no bacteria present. Therefore, the problem has been resolved.

For more information, please contact Roger Plaisted, Water Superintendent at 908-735-2265.

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