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To our Lk. Camanche Water System Customers

During the month of June the Amador Water Agency took our routine bacteriological samples. The day was extremely windy and dusty and we should have waited for a different day to take our samples. This caused our samples to come back as Coliform positive. We take 2 samples a month in the distribution system and if even 1 sample comes back positive it is considered a violation.

We took a total of 11 samples of which 3 of them were positive. According to the violation we need to notify you in writing of the sample results. **There is nothing for you to do.** In the process of resampling everything came back clear and the chlorine residuals on all the samples indicated it was a sampling issue and not a treatment issue or equipment failure in any way.

In July we took additional samples according to the directives laid out in the violation and they have all come back absent as they should.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact our Operations Manager, Damon Wyckoff, at 209-257-5284 or [dwyckoff@amadorwater.org](mailto:dwyckoff@amadorwater.org) or myself at 209-257-5243 or [ahinton@amadorwater.org](mailto:ahinton@amadorwater.org).

Sincerely,

Andrea Hinton  
Regulatory Compliance Specialist

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.  
Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

### **AWA- Camanche Village Has Levels of Coliform Bacteria Above the Drinking Water Standard**

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. We took 11 samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria during June 2018. Three of those samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than one (1) sample per month may test positive for coliform bacteria.

#### **What should I do?**

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.**
- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Total 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.*
- Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the system's treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present. **We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing, and further testing shows that this problem has been resolved.**
- If you have health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

#### **What was done?**

In instances like this, federal law requires that we conduct a Level 1 Assessment of our water system immediately after learning of the violation to determine the source of contamination. We are required to report to the State Water Board within 30 days of triggering the assessment the actions we took to correct the deficiencies found and a schedule for correcting other deficiencies not corrected within 30 days. The

assessment has been completed as of 07/16/18. All deficiencies identified in the assessment were corrected by 7/13/18.

For more information, please contact Damon Wyckoff at 209-257-5284 or 12800 Ridge Rd. Sutter Creek, CA 95685

*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 public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

### **Secondary Notification Requirements**

*This notice will be posted on our website at [www.amadorwater.org](http://www.amadorwater.org) for a minimum of 7 days.*

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- **SCHOOLS:** Must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- **RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS** (including nursing homes and care facilities): Must notify tenants.
- **BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS:** Must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

This notice is being sent to you by AWA-Lk. Camanche Water System

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