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## **Barton WSC 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 coliforms. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, waterborne pathogens 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, for treatment technique violation, that was due on September 30, 2018.

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

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

\* If you have a severely compromised immune system, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at 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 assessment for treatment technique violation has been completed and submitted to the TCEQ as required.

For more information, please contact Josh Nolte at 254-434-3220 or PO Box 272 Gordon, TX 76453.

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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