

**IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT YOUR WATER SYSTEM**  
*Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Exceeded: Non-Acute MCL*

The Wolf Creek Property Owners Assn Water System, ID 11476H, in Okanogan County routinely monitors for the presence of total coliform bacteria and in May 2010 this type of bacteria was detected. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customer, you have a right to know what happened and what we did or are doing to correct the situation.

*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.* The samples that showed the presence of coliform were further tested to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E.coli* were present. **None of these bacteria were found.**

You do not need to boil your water. People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at an increased risk and may want to contact their health care provider for additional guidance.

What happened? What is the suspected or known source of contamination?

**On May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 a routine water sample in Cottonwood Meadow revealed a positive result for coliform bacteria. Under the direction of the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) repeat samples were taken on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to determine the extent of the bacteria in the WCPOA water system. Out of 5 samples distributed throughout the water system 2 tested positive for coliform, one at Well #3, and the other in Virginia Hills. During this testing period we have been working to fix some flow restrictions on the chlorination equipment, and have now remedied that problem. We are continuing efforts to find potential contamination sources through a plan that includes professional leak detection services, isolation exercises, and additional support from the DOH and Evergreen Rural Water of Washington, as well as additional disinfection procedures and sampling. Providing our membership with safe drinking water is our number one priority. We will pursue this problem until it is resolved.**

For information:

Contact Pete Soderquist, Water System Manager at ( 509 ) 996-3112

Please share this notice 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.

This notice is sent to you by the **WCPOA, Board of Directors** and distributed on **05/27/2010**.

**Coliform Non-Acute Public Notice Certification Form**

The purpose of this form (below) is to provide documentation to the department that public notice was distributed. Please check the appropriate box and fill in the date that the notice was distributed:

Notice was mailed to all water customers on 5 / 27 / 2010.

Notice was hand delivered to all water customers on \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_.

Notice was posted (with department approval) at: \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_.

Ana King  
Signature of owner or operator

WCPOA PRESIDENT  
Position

5/27/2010  
Date



The Department of Health is an equal opportunity agency. For persons with disabilities, this form is available on request in other formats. To submit a request, please call 1-800-525-0127 (TTY 1-800-833-6388).

**Send copy of completed notification and certification to:**

Eastern Drinking Water Operations, 16201 E Indiana, Suite 1500 Spokane Valley 99216 or fax to (509) 329-2104