

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Boil Water Advisory for **BIG MOUNTAIN WATER COMPANY** **MT0000060** **Water System Water may be Contaminated**

Our water system recently experienced a drop in pressure which could have resulted in contamination of the water supply. Because of the loss of pressure, it is unknown if contaminants could have infiltrated the distribution system. This is a precautionary **BOIL WATER ADVISORY** and as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

This **Boil Water Advisory** is precautionary. The BIG MOUNTAIN WATER COMPANY public water supply has experienced a loss of pressure due to a main break. Water system personnel are working diligently to get the water pressure restored. Your cooperation is needed. Please adhere to the water restriction guidelines and use water as sparingly as possible while we work to repair the main line break.

What should I do?

- **Boil your water.**
- *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 providers. 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.*

What does this mean?

- As a precaution boil the water before consuming until advised otherwise.
- Fecal coliform and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely compromised immune systems.
- *The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.*

What is being done?

- **Bacteriological samples of the water will be collected.**
- **Personnel are closely monitoring the situation and will update users.**
- General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

**Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice.*

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