

Public Notification
Important Information About Your Drinking Water

**Failure to Conduct a Level 2 Assessment to Address Coliform
Bacteria Contamination of the Water System**

Date: 8/21/23

To the Customers of: Tariffville Fire District Water Dept PWS ID: CT1280011

Compliance Period: September 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022

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.

When this occurs, we are required to conduct a detailed Level 2 assessment of the water system to identify sanitary defects and correct any problems that are found within 30 days. We failed to conduct the required Level 2 assessments on time and/or failed to submit the assessment to the Connecticut Department of Public Health on time.

As our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been you would have been notified within 24 hours.

Failure to conduct assessments to identify and correct sanitary 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 should I do?

Total coliform bacteria are generally considered harmless but indicate the potential for contamination. Although total coliform bacteria are present there is no immediate health risk to those ingesting the water. However, if you have specific health concerns, please consult your doctor.

What is being done?

LEVEL 2 TESTING PERFORMED MID-JULY. NO MAJOR ISSUES FOUND.

We expect to return to compliance or resolve the situation by 9/14/2022, LEVEL 2 TEST 7/21/23.
(date)

If you have any questions please contact R. SCOTT MADIGAN, PE by phone at (860) 651-4227 or at the following address TARIFFVILLE WATER, P.O. BOX 66, TARIFFVILLE, CT. 06081

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