

January 15, 2024

PRECAUTIONARY BOIL WATER NOTICE
Mexico Beach Water System, PWS# 1030467

TO: RESIDENTS OF Mexico Beach, "The Crossings", Building #4 Units 4105-4108, 4205-4208, 4305-4308, 4101-4104, 4201-4204, and 4310-4304.

The 2" Water Main Serving your facility broke due to a Mechanical Joint Failure, CAUSING A WATER OUTAGE. Therefore all customers using service lines in Mexico Beach, " The Crossings, at the above units of Building #4 are under a precautionary boil water notice until bacteriological samples can be collected and tested for bacteria. When the samples are cleared by the laboratory, a recission of the boil water notice will be issued.

What should I do?

ONCE WATER MAIN IS REPAIRED AND AS A PRECAUTION, WE ADVISE THAT ALL WATER USED FOR DRINKING, COOKING, MAKING ICE, BRUSHING TEETH, OR WASHING DISHES BE BOILED. A ROLLING BOIL OF ONE MINUTE IS SUFFICIENT. AS AN ALTERNATIVE, BOTTLED WATER MAY BE USED. RESIDENTS ARE ALSO ADVISED TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS WHEN BATHING, ESPECIALLY IMMUNOCOMPROMISED INDIVIDUALS, INFANTS, OR THE ELDERLY.

What happened? What is being done?

A LOSS IN SYSTEM PRESSURE COULD CAUSE BACKSIPHONAGE OF CONTAMINANTS, SUCH AS E. COLI BACTERIA, INTO THE WATER SYSTEM. WATER CONTAINING E. COLI BACTERIA CAN BE CONSIDERED SAFE FOR DRINKING AND COOKING AFTER VIGOROUSLY BOILING THE WATER. DISEASE SYMPTOMS CAUSED BY THESE BACTERIA MAY INCLUDE DIARRHEA, CRAMPS, NAUSEA, AND POSSIBLY JAUNDICE, AND ANY ASSOCIATED HEADACHE AND FATIGUE. EPA HAS SET AN ENFORCEABLE DRINKING WATER STANDARD FOR E. COLI TO REDUCE THE RISK OF THESE ADVERSE HEALTH EFFECTS. UNDER THIS STANDARD ALL DRINKING WATER MUST BE FREE OF THESE BACTERIA.

ONCE THE WATER MAIN IS REPAIRED, THE WATER SYSTEM WILL COLLECT SAMPLES TO DETERMINE IF THE PRESENCE OF E. COLI BACTERIA EXISTS WITHIN THE WATER SYSTEM. THIS PRECAUTIONARY BOIL WATER NOTICE WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL THE PROBLEM HAS BEEN CORRECTED AND A BACTERIOLOGICAL SURVEY SHOWS THAT THE WATER IS SAFE TO DRINK.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY CONTACT: KEVIN MARTIN, INTERIM UTILITIES SUPERINTENDENT. (850) 247-3001

Garrett Garland or Glenn Davis

UTILITIES SUPERINTENDENT, Utilities Director
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Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly. You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.