



November 21, 2024

PRECAUTIONARY BOIL WATER NOTICE
MEXICO BEACH WATER SYSTEM, PWS# 1030467

TO: **RESIDENTS OF SUMMERHOUSE CONDOS**

THE BUILDINGS METER WAS CHANGED OUT WITH A NEW METER. DUE TO THIS THE WATER IN THE BUILDING HAD TO BE CUT OFF.

What should I do?

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.

THE WATER SYSTEM IS CURRENTLY COLLECTING 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. THE ANTICIPATED DATE FOR RESCINDING THIS NOTICE IS PENDING WATER SAMPLES.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY CONTACT:

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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.