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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Monthly Reporting Requirements Not Met by Sugarite - Lake Alice Campground

Our water system recently violated a drinking water regulation. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We are required to submit complete turbidity data and chlorine (disinfectant) levels to the State on a monthly basis. This requirement has not been met for the month of March 2022.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been you would have been notified immediately.

Monitoring and reporting turbidity and chlorine levels in your water are important in ensuring safe water to all our customers. *Chlorine is added to the water to inactivate bacteria that may be present. Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. *These symptoms 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.

Tests taken during this time period did not indicate the presence of bacteria in the drinking water system during this period.

What should I do?

At this time, we are recommending people **boil the water** from Sugarite-Lake Alice Campground prior to consuming for at least 3 minutes. Alternatively, bottled water can be used. If you have specific health concerns, please contact your health care professional.

What is being done? Water system management software is being updated and calibrated to ensure proper recording of data. We anticipate resolving the problem in the next two months.

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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.