



Sugar City

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NOTICE OF WATER SYSTEM CHLORINATION AND FLUSHING

Sugar City routinely monitors our water system for the presence of potential drinking water contaminants. Last week we observed the presence of total coliform bacteria and thus have determined to chlorinate and flush the water system as an appropriate and routine means of disinfection as a precaution.

We wanted to give advance notice as water system users will likely smell the presence of chlorine in the water supply for a few days while this process is being carried out. The level of chlorination will be sufficient to achieve disinfection but will not be harmful to users, as the chlorination process is identical to what most cities in other locations do on a continual basis with their water supply.

This is not an emergency and you do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. This is a routine maintenance procedure to help maintain our excellent water quality.

Total coliform bacteria are not harmful themselves and are naturally present everywhere in the environment. Testing for them in the water supply is used as an indicator that other potentially harmful bacteria may be present. When total coliform bacteria are detected in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern are present. **We did not find any of these other bacteria in our subsequent testing** and thus we have determined to disinfect the water system by chlorinating and flushing as a precaution.

We expect to begin chlorinating the water supply on Friday, February 13 and continue for several days until further testing confirms total coliform bacteria are no longer present, as is normally the case.

This is a routine maintenance procedure that is regularly and routinely used by community water systems throughout the country, but since we rarely have to use it, we wanted to alert our system users so they will be aware of what is going on and why.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Arlynn Jacobson, Public Works Superintendent, at 208-356-7561. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to preserve the high water quality we are blessed with in our water supply.

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