

NAME OF WATER SYSTEM _____ DATE _____

NOTICE OF ACUTE TOTAL COLIFORM FAILURE

Dear Water Consumer:

The California Department of Health Services (Department) sets drinking water standards and has determined that the presence of fecal coliforms or E. coli is a serious health concern. Fecal coliforms and E. coli are generally not harmful in themselves, but their presence in drinking water is serious because they usually are associated with sewage or animal wastes. The water system has the potential to be contaminated with organisms that can cause disease. The Department has set an enforceable drinking water standard for fecal coliforms and E. coli to reduce the risk of adverse health effects. Under this standard, all drinking water samples must be free of these bacteria. Drinking water, which meets this standard, is associated with little or no risk and should be considered safe. The Department recommends that consumers take the following precautions:

All tap water used for drinking and cooking should be boiled rapidly for at least 5 minutes. This is the preferred method to assure that the water is safe to use and drink.

An alternative method to disinfect the water is to use fresh liquid household bleach:

- 1) Add 8 drops of bleach per gallon of clear water; –or–
- 2) Add 16 drops per gallon of cloudy water;
- 3) Mix thoroughly and allow standing for 30 minutes before using.

You will notice a chlorine-like taste and odor. This is an indication that the water has been adequately disinfected.

Additional water quality testing is currently being conducted. You will be notified as soon as the water is considered safe to drink.

This notification is required by the Kern County Environmental Health Division (KCEHD) as a means of keeping the public informed.

Consumers needing more information may contact the KCEHD at (661) 862-8740 or the water system representative listed below.

Signature of Water System Representative

Print Name

Telephone No.

Date