DRINKING WATER WARNING – E. COLI PRESENT IN THE WATER AT STONEMAN LAKE, AZ0403023

BOIL YOUR WATER FOR THREE MINUTES BEFORE USING

Stoneman Lake water system identified E. coli bacteria in the water supply on January 28, 2022.

Bacterial contamination can occur when increased run-off enters the drinking water source (i.e. following heavy rains), or a break in the distribution system pipes, or a failure to properly disinfect the water supply. Bacterial contamination may pose an imminent and substantial health endangerment to persons served by the system. These bacteria can make you sick and are a particular concern for people with weakened immune systems.

As our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation. We notified the ADEQ of this situation and have already completed the required repeat/confirmation samples for the water system.

What should I do?

- **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a rolling boil for at least (3) three minutes and let it cool before use or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation **until further notice.** Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water. **ALL STORED WATER, DRINK OR ICE MADE RECENTLY FROM THIS SUPPLY SHALL BE DISCARDED.**

- Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, some of the elderly and people with severely compromised immunesystems.

- The symptoms above 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. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

What happened? What is being done?

Cactus State UOC has consulted with the ADEQ to implement emergency disinfection at the water system. Our licensed operators will begin disinfection presently and will continue to disinfect the water system until further notice.

We will inform you when you no longer need to boil your water. For more information, please contact Cactus State UOC’s customer support at 1-800-670-4869, or support@cactusstateuoc.com, or 1650 Des Peres Rd. Suite 303, St. Louis, MO 63131.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who maynot have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by STONEMAN LAKE
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