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DRINKING WATER NOTICE

To all users of the Mattapoissett River Valley Water District
Marion and Rochester
located in Mattapoissett, Massachusetts

This is an important notice - please translate it for anyone who does not understand English.

THIS IS NOT AN EMERGENCY. Mattapoissett River Valley Water District and member communities routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants to ensure the safety of the water supply. On 7/8/2020, we were notified by the Town of Marion that a fecal indicator (E. coli) was detected in a raw water (untreated) sample collected on 7/7/20 from the Marion Wolf Island Well.

During normal operations, water from the Marion Wolf Island Well is pumped from the ground and it is treated and disinfected at the MRV WTP for iron and manganese. This water is delivered to you after treatment. Water samples from Fairhaven and Mattapoissett water distribution systems were also collected on 7/7/20. None of the water samples tested positive for Total Coliform or E. coli. Only the untreated sample from the Marion Wolf Island Well tested positive. ALL MATTAPOISETT RIVER VALLEY TREATMENT FACILITY SAMPLES AND DISTRIBUTION SAMPLES FOR THE COMMUNITIIES OF FAIRHAVEN AND MATTAPOISETT WERE FOUND TO BE ABSENT OF BOTH COLIFORM AND E-COLI.

This is not an emergency for Fairhaven and Mattapoissett YOU DO NOT need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.

MARION EMERGENCY UPDATE 7/8/2020

The Town of Marion experience a Total Coliform Positive / E-Coli POSITIVE sample at the Great Hill Water Tank, Marion Wolf Island Well, Main Water Station and Perry Hill PT Finish. They also had Total Coliform present at the Perry Hill Raw Sample Location follow up samples were taken and results are expected to be in shortly. **Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.**

For any further Instruction and information regarding the Marion Water Samples Please contact the Marion DPW at 508- 748-3540

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO? WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

This is not an emergency; you do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.

E. coli is a fecal indicator and it was detected in the raw water at the **Marion Wolf Island Well before treatment as well as the above-mentioned locations.** Even though the well with the fecal indicator is treated and the treated water did not contain any fecal indicators, the well is no longer in use at this time. The USEPA requires us to provide you with this Notice and the following information on fecal indicators. *"Fecal indicators are microbes whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause 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 immune systems." The microbes that can produce these symptoms were detected in the water in the **Town of Marion** after it was treated. Therefore, these health risks have the potential to be present. These symptoms are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not 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.

WHAT IS BEING DONE?

We continue to evaluate the situation including the following actions:

The Marion Wolf Island Well was removed from service as a precautionary measure and will not be placed back in service until approved by MassDEP.

Investigating the source of the raw water contamination and remove it.

A full evaluation of the well and well house will take place to determine if there are any deficiencies and that they are corrected.

We are in contact with MassDEP who is evaluating the actions we are taking to ensure safe water is being delivered to you. If a risk of contamination exists, you will receive additional notification.

This is NOT an emergency and you do not need to take corrective action.

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