



2135 South Ammon Road, Ammon, Idaho 83406

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Tests Showed Coliform Bacteria in the City of Ammon Water

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct the situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. We take ten (10) samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria each month of the year. In the October round of testing, four (4) of our samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than [1 sample per month/5 percent of samples] may do so. The City immediately took additional samples throughout the city system, all of which were negative for total coliform bacteria.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Coliform bacteria are generally not harmful by themselves. *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.*

Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the system's treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we immediately perform follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present. **We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing.**

What should I do?

- You do not need to boil your water or take any other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

What has been done by the City?

Disinfectant was added to the water storage tank located at 2260 Williams St., and further testing showed that this situation is under control and we are meeting the strict monitoring requirements of IDEQ.

For more information, please contact Rick Williams at 612-4031 or by mail at 2135 S. Ammon Rd Ammon, ID 83406.

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.

This notice is sent to you by the City of Ammon.

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