**Drinking Water Warning**

**Do Not Use the Water**

On [date], [Water System] [used or introduced in our system] a chemical that did not meet the ANSI/NSF Standard 60 for drinking water additives in accordance with the New Jersey Safe Drinking Water Act N.J.A.C. 7:10-8.2(a). Specifically, we [used an unapproved chemical, our chemical distributor delivered an unapproved chemical which was not identified prior to it entering the distribution system, work performed caused a cross connection with our cooling system, etc.].

OPTION: Bottled water is being provided for potable use at the following location(s): [Insert location(s)].

[Water System] violated New Jersey Safe Drinking Water Act regulations. As our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation.

**What should I do?**

**Do not use the tap water**. This includes for drinking (including making formulas or juices), brushing teeth, making ice, food preparation, cooking, bathing, showering and handwashing, washing clothes and for pets until further notice. Only bottled water should be used for potable purposes. Use of the tap water for sanitary purposes (flushing toilets) is the only acceptable tap water use until further notice.

If you have a severely compromised immune system or have a health condition that may be impacted by [add chemical], have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk. You should seek advice from your health care providers.

**What is being done?**

The [water system will be flushed, storage tank drained, backflow preventor installed, etc.] to remove the unapproved chemical. Procedures to flush the water system to remove the unapproved chemical are expected to commence [date and time].

We will inform you when the flushing procedure is completed, when sampling has been conducted confirming the chemical is no longer present and when you may use the water. We anticipate resolving the problem within [estimated time frame].

**OPTION**: Only a portion of our service area, specifically [AREA] is affected by this public notice. Please see find a map illustrating the affected area [attached/enclosed/below].

For more information, please contact [system contact and phone number].

*\*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 being sent you by [Water System], PWSID No. [Number]

Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_