**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

**[System] Has Levels of [Gross Alpha Particle Activity AND/OR Combined Radium-226/Radium-228] Above the Drinking Water Standard(s)**

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did/are doing to correct this situation.

Repeat the above statement and “For more information, please contact [name of contact] at [phone number] or [mailing address]” in all languages predominantly spoken (10% or more of a population within a municipality based on US Census data) in the service area.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. On [give date], we received notice that the sample collected on [give date] showed that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for [Gross Alpha Particle Activity **AND/OR** Combined Radium-226 and Radium-228]. The standard for [Gross Alpha Particle Activity is 15 pCi/L **AND/OR** the standard for Combined Radium-226/Radium-228 is 5 pCi/L]. The average level of **[OPTION 1: Running Annual Average Calculated]** Gross Alpha Particle Activity **AND/OR** Combined Radium-226/Radium-228 over the last year has been [provide level] and [provide level] respectively. **OR [OPTION 2: High Value Detected and Will Continue to Exceed]** Gross Alpha Particle Activity **AND/OR** Combined Radium-226/Radium-228 was found at [provide level] and [provide level] respectively.

**What does this mean?**

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. \**However, certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing* ***[****alpha emitters* ***AND/OR*** *radium-226/radium-228] in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer. \**

**What should I do?**

There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water.

**What is being done?**

[Describe corrective action. Use statements below if applicable.]

• We are working with [local/state agency] to evaluate the water supply and are researching options to correct the problem. These options may include treating the water to remove Gross Alpha Particle Activity **AND/OR** Combined Radium-226/Radium-228 or connecting to [system]’s water supply.

• We are in the process of installing [treatment]. We anticipate completion by [Date].

• We have stopped using the contaminated well. We have increased pumping from other wells, and we are investigating drilling a new well.

• We have increased the frequency that we will test the water for Gross Alpha Particle Activity **AND/OR** Combined Radium-226/Radium-228.

• We have since taken samples at this location and had them tested. These samples show that we meet the standards.

We anticipate resolving the problem within [estimated time frame].

\*For community water systems, if only one portion of the service area is impacted and you were granted permission from the state to limit the distribution of the public notice, it is highly recommended to include a map of the afflicted area. The system should copy and paste a map below if it elects to include one\*

**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 [name of contact] at [phone number] or [mailing address].

*\*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 to you by [system]. PWSID#: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Date distributed: \_\_\_\_\_\_.