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**DRINKING WATER  
 NOTICE**

**Total Coliform Bacteria/ Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR) Monitoring Requirements Not Met for:**

**PWS ID#: 4076000 PWS Name: Dighton Water District**

We violated a monitoring requirement of the drinking water regulations. Even though this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we have done to correct this situation.

*We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific man-made and naturally occurring contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During the monitoring period of September 2022, we did not complete some of our monitoring for total coliform bacteria due to a lab error. The certified lab we sent our sample to sub-contracted with another lab, which was not certified in Massachusetts at the time for the method of analysis performed. Therefore, some of the samples were not accepted by MassDEP. This constitutes a monitoring violation of the drinking water regulations. We therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water for the samples that were not acceptable by MassDEP.*

*Please share this information with all 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 THIS MEANS:**

**There is nothing you need to do at this time. You do not need to boil your water or take other actions.**

The table below lists the Monitoring period we did not properly test for Total Coliform Bacteriological monitoring for the Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR).

Monitoring Period & # Samples	Lab Not Certified to Conduct Analysis
September 2022 Three samples collected on 9/9/2022 were unacceptable due to the sub-contracted lab was not certified in Massachusetts at the time for the method of analysis performed.	☒

**STEPS WE ARE TAKING:**

We have returned to compliance with the completion of our October 2022 routine monitoring which indicated that the drinking water met health standards for total coliform bacteria as per the Revised Total Coliform Rule. The results were acceptable to MassDEP. We will continue to collect samples for all contaminants according to our most recent sampling schedule.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**For more information or questions regarding this notice, please contact:**

**Responsible Party Name: Robert Thibeault at Phone #: (508) 824-9390  
 Date Public Notice Distributed:**