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OMALDO COMMUNITY WATER CO.
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CONSUMER NOTIFICATION LETTER
BACTERIOLOGICAL QUALITY STANDARD FAILURE
TOTAL COLIFORM VIOLATION

Dear Customer:

The bacteriological quality of the water supply served by the above water system when tested on 09/26/96 did not meet current drinking water standards. The California Department of Health Services (DHS) sets drinking water standards and has determined that the presence of total coliforms is a possible health concern. Total coliforms are common in the environment and are generally not harmful themselves. The presence of these bacteria in drinking water, however, is generally a result of a problem with water treatment or the pipes, which distribute the water and indicates that the water may be contaminated with organisms that can cause disease. Disease symptoms may include diarrhea, cramps, nausea, and possibly jaundice, and any associated headaches and fatigue. These symptoms, however, are not just associated with disease-causing organisms in water, but also may be caused by a number of factors other than your drinking water.

DHS has set an enforceable drinking water standard for total coliforms to reduce the risk of these adverse health effects. Under this standard, small water systems with less than two (2) total coliform positive samples per month are not violating the standard. Drinking water which meets this standard is usually not associated with a health risk from disease causing bacteria and should be considered safe.

Upon determination that the coliform standard had been exceeded on 09/26/96, OMALDO COMMUNITY WATER CO. water system did the following:

- () 1. Investigated possible sources of contamination.
- () 2. Disinfected and flushed the water system.
- () 3. Other action _____.

Additional bacteriological samples will be collected as required to verify that elimination of the contamination has been completed.

Consumers are advised that bottled or disinfected water (IS / IS NOT) necessary to provide a safe alternative for drinking and culinary purposes.

This notification of the consumers is being done in compliance with the California Domestic Water Quality and Monitoring Regulations as a means of keeping the public informed.

Consumers wishing more information should contact CRAIG JENNINGS
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(Name and Title of Water Utility Supervisor / Date