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9/21/2001

ROMALDO COMMUNITY WATER CO.
C/O ROMALDO COMMUNITY WATER CO.
PO BOX 30745
SANTA BARBARA CA 93105

Dear Owner or Operator;

By your receipt of this notice it indicates that your water system has failed both routine and follow-up bacteriological tests. The Health and Safety Code requires that you notify the water consumers of these test failures and take any action necessary to eliminate the cause(s) of the contamination. To help you comply with these requirements, we are providing the notification letter on the reverse side.

The following are the instructions on how to complete the notice and what information will need to be returned to this office.

- A. The notification must include : the action(s) that was taken to eliminate the cause(s) of the failure, advice to consumers regarding water use, and what precautions they should take. The notice must be signed and dated, then either mailed to each consumer, or posted in a conspicuous location for all consumers to see.
- B. A copy of the signed and dated notice must be returned to this office.

Please note the following suggested possible corrective actions;

1. Remove any sources of contamination from the area around the source.
Check the water source for damage and repair if necessary.
2. Install an automatic disinfection system, such as, a chlorinator or an ozonator.
3. Perform regular maintenance on the distribution system. Maintenance should include the flushing of water lines and periodic cleaning of storage tanks.

Please return the completed Notification Letter to Environmental Health Services by SEPT. 28, 2001

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ROMALDO WELL

Well Disinfection Notice

September 29, 2001

Craig and Judy Jennings
5593 West Camino Cielo
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Dear Romaldo Well Member,

On Friday we received a notice from the Santa Barbara County Environmental Health Services Department that our well has failed routine and follow-up bacteriological tests. Consequently, we will have to disinfect the well and storage tanks. This will cause a disruption of water service. You should have a supply of bottled water for drinking for Monday night.

When: Monday, October 1, 5:00 P.M. - Tuesday, October 2, 6:00 A.M.

Procedure:

1. At 5:00 P.M. on Monday, chlorine bleach will be added to the well and storage tanks. The water system will be completely shut off for about one hour at this time because the pressure tank will have to be de-pressurized to add the bleach.
2. At 6:00 P.M. the tank will be re-pressurized until 7:30 P.M. During this time you should run water until you notice the smell of chlorine in the water and then turn it off. This allows the chlorine solution to fill the pipes and distribution lines of the system.
3. At 7:30 P.M. the well system will again be shut down until 6:00 A.M. Tuesday morning October 2. This is because the Health Services Department recommends that the chlorinated water be allowed to stand without pumping for 12 hours, or at least overnight.
4. At 6:00 A.M. Tuesday morning the system will be turned back on. You should then discharge water until the smell and taste of chlorine is no longer detectable. During this time the water can be used for washing and bathing, but you should not drink the water until the chlorine is no longer detectable.

Please call me if you have questions.

Craig Jennings
683-4920

**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 9/14/2001 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, generally is 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 **9/14/2001**, **ROMALDO COMMUNITY WATER CO.** water system did the following:

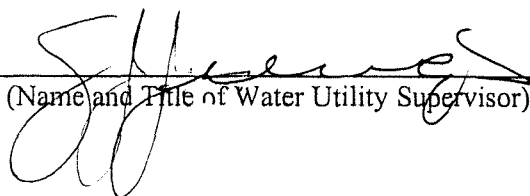
- () 1. Investigated possible sources of contamination.
- 2. Disinfected and flushed the water system. *on 10/1/01*
- () 3. Other action _____.

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 at 805 683-4920

 _____ *9/29/01*
(Name) and Title of Water Utility Supervisor Date