

# DRINKING WATER WARNING

## E. coli is present in the Thim Utility Company – Well 9 water

### BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

*E. coli* bacteria were found in the water supply of one of our wells on May 27, 2021. As our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation. Customers east of Stallion on Thim Utility Company - Well 9's route 5 have been affected; however, we strongly suggest all Thim Utility Company - Well 9 customers adhere to the boil notice. On May 28, 2021, we took repeat/confirmation samples per the recommendation of AZDEQ. We learned that one of our repeat samples collected was total coliform positive and E. Coli positive. These bacteria can make you sick, and are a particular concern for people with weakened immune systems.

Bacterial contamination can occur when increased run-off enters the drinking water source (for example, following heavy rains). It can also happen due to a break in the distribution system (pipes) or a failure in the water treatment process.

#### What should I do? What does this mean?

- **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a rolling boil for one minute per 1000 ft. elevation, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.
- *\*Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely compromised immune systems.\**
- The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice from their health care providers about drinking this water.

#### What is being done?

We are continuing to monitor the water and will inform you when tests show no bacteria and you no longer need to boil your water. An automated call will be sent out once the boil notice has been listed. We anticipate resolving the problem within the week.

For more information, please contact Jason Long at 520-431-7723 or [jason@longwatermanagement.com](mailto:jason@longwatermanagement.com). General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

*\*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.\**

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