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DRINKING WATER NOTICE

Cadiz Village PWS Did Not Meet Treatment Requirements

Cadiz Village PWS fails to provide adequate surface water conventional treatment as defined by OAC Rule 3745-81-01 and is therefore in violation of OAC Rule 3745-81-73. Ohio EPA requires public water systems that use surface water source to provide filtration that meets certain requirements to remove particles from the water. Cadiz Village PWS provides conventional filtration, which relies on several treatment components to operate whenever water is being produced. The rapid mixer was not being operated which fails to agitate the raw surface water to combine the chemicals added as coagulants.

What should I do?

- You do not need to boil the water or take other actions. We do not know of any contamination, and none of our test has shown disease-causing organisms in the drinking water.
- If you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. A home filter will not necessarily solve the problem, because not all home filters protect against disease-causing organisms.
- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly people may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care provider.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. We do not know of any cases of contamination. However, until improvements are made, there is an increase chance that disease-causing organisms could contaminate the water supply.

Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteris, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nauses, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. These symptoms, however, 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.

What is being done?

We are investigating and taking the necessary steps to correct the problem as soon as possible.

For more information, please contact: **Thomas Carter at 942-3884,** or **P.O. Box 153 Cadiz, Ohio 43907.**

General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1800) 426-4791