

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Little Elk Creek HOA potable water system

Does/Did Not Meet Treatment Requirements

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this situation does not require that you take immediate action, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation. On December 4th 2015, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) gave Little Elk Creek HOA potable water system a violation for lack of proper filtration and lack of proper chlorine contact time. The current filtration system was approved and installed over 20 years ago and does not meet current CDPHE requirements. CDPHE has ordered LEC to design and install an approved filtration and chlorine contact system to bring the system into compliance. It is important to note that the current filtration system has been continuously maintained and water test results have shown no indication of bacteriological contaminants that would cause a health risk. Since the current filtration system is not approved, LEC must bring the treatment system into compliance with the Colorado Primary Drinking Water Regulations to assure the water is properly being filtered and disinfected.

What does this mean? What should I do?

- ✓ **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.** However, 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 parasites. Call NSF International at 1(800) NSF-8010 or the Water Quality Association at 1(800) 749-0234 for information on appropriate filters.
- ✓ People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice from their health care providers about drinking water. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 (800) 426-4791.
- ✓ Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, 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 happened? What is being done?

This is not an emergency. If it had been you would have been notified immediately. We do not know of any cases of contamination and continue to test the drinking water frequently and in accordance of CDPHE requirements. However, until improvements are made, there is a chance that disease-causing organisms could contaminate the water supply. Filtration and disinfection is the best method for removing these organisms.

We are working with an engineer and have communicated with CDPHE regarding the anticipated schedule. The process will include designing an adequate filtration system and submitting the design for CDPHE approval. Once approved, then the modifications and components will be installed and the water system will be in compliance. We anticipate completing the water system compliance upgrades by late 2016.

Until filtration is installed, you will receive a notice similar to this every three months. **For more information, please contact Alan Leslie at Environmental Process Control (EPC) who is the water system CDPHE certified operator at (970) 379-2205 cell or (970) 963-8393 office or at P.O. Box 493 Snowmass, CO 81654.**

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly. You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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