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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Little Thompson Water District had the following violation identified during a drinking water inspection:

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. Although this situation is not an emergency, as our customers you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

A routine drinking water inspection conducted on 10/11/2023 by the state drinking water program identified the following violation that may pose a risk to public health. A Comprehensive Inspection completed in 2022, did not meet the definition of Comprehensive Inspection because the inspection was completed with water in the tank.

Little Thompson Water District Storage Tank Monitoring Plan calls for a Comprehensive Inspection to be performed every 5 years on all storage tanks. The plan calls for draining the tank and inspecting for damage and maintenance issues. The violation we received is in reference to the Twin Mounds Two Million Gallon Storage Tank located near the intersection of County Road 7 and Highway 60. Little Thompson Water District switches between the Twin Mounds 2 million gallon and adjacent 5 million gallon tanks seasonally based on demand.

The Twin Mounds 2 million gallon storage tank's last documented Comprehensive Inspection was performed in 2017. In the following years (June 2018, October 2019, October 2020 and September 2021), the tank was drained, cleaned, inspected, and the water tested for total coliform, pH and residual chlorine before putting the tank back into service. Unfortunately, these inspections were not documented. The next scheduled Comprehensive Inspection was scheduled for the Fall of 2022.

In 2021 a project to recoat the 5 million gallon tank began. The project expanded to rehabilitate some of the structural elements of the roof and the project continued into 2023. While the maintenance and rehabilitation project was underway, the 2 million gallon tank could not be drained because it was being used to serve our customers. An inspection was performed on the tank while water remained in the tank. Since Little Thompson was not able to fully inspect the interior of the tank, this did not meet the definition of a Comprehensive Inspection. This resulted in a storage tank rule treatment technique violation of Regulation 11, Section 11.28(4)(c)(iii).

This violation of Regulation 11 requires Tier 2 public notice in accordance with Regulation 11, Section 11.33 (Public Notification Rule).

| Identified Violation | Date Correction is Required | Steps We Are Taking |
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| Comprehensive Storage Tank Inspections Not Performed or Documented (T2): Supplier failed to perform or document comprehensive tank inspections. This is a storage tank rule treatment technique violation of Regulation 11, Section 11.28(4)(c)(iii) | 12/8/23 | Perform Comprehensive Inspection by December 8, 2023. |

- Inadequately maintained storage tanks, identified through inspections, may allow contaminants or disease-causing organisms to enter the drinking water, which can cause diarrhea, nausea, cramps, and associated headaches.

What does this mean? What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do at this time. At no time during recent years are we aware of any impacts to water quality or public health because of this situation.
- If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.

We are currently switching to the Twin Mounds 5 million gallon tank so we can complete the Comprehensive Inspection. We anticipate resolving the problem by **12/8/2023**. For more information, please contact **Ken Lambrecht** at klambrecht@ltwd.org or **970-344-6363**, or at **835 E State Highway 56, Berthoud, CO**.

**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.*

This notice is being sent to you by: Little Thompson Water District - CO 0135477

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