



FAILURE TO COMPLETE A LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

ESTE INFORME CONTIENE INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE ACERCA DE SU AGUA POTABLE. HAGA QUE ALGUIEN LO TRADUZCA PARA USTED, O HABLE CON ALGUIEN QUE LO ENTIENDA.

The Borough of Zelienople recently violated a drinking water requirement. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did (are doing) to correct this situation.

During recent routine monitoring, our water system tested positive for total coliform bacteria. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and that are used as an indicator that a potential pathway exists through which contamination (including potentially harmful, waterborne pathogens) may enter the distribution system.

As a result, we were required to conduct a Level 1 assessment of our system within 30 days. A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system. *We failed to conduct the required Level 1 assessment within 30 days, and have therefore, violated a drinking water requirement.*

What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

Failure to conduct an assessment to identify the sanitary defect that triggered the assessment has the potential to prolong the risk of fecal contamination of our distribution system water. While we have not detected any evidence of fecal contamination in our distribution system, we are committed to correcting the deficiency to eliminate the potential threat of contamination. *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, but also by other factors. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

What is being done?

The Level 1 assessment has been completed.

The problem was resolved on October 18, 2019.

For more information, please contact: Donald C. Pepe, Borough Manager
at 724.452.6610

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 the Borough of Zelienople.

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Repeat Notices

You must issue a repeat notice every three months for as long as the violation persists.

For repeat notices, you should state how long the violation has been ongoing and remind consumers of when you sent out any previous notices. If you are making progress in correcting the deficiency or achieving the required treatment, describe your progress. Alternatively, if funding or other issues are delaying your progress, let consumers know.

PN Certification

Send DEP a copy of each type of notice and the certification form (3930-FM-BSDW0076) to DEP within ten days after you issue the notices.

Template Form Field Instructions

When you place your cursor in the blank form fields in the following template, look at the bottom, left corner of your computer (just above the START button) for instructions on the information you should enter in that field. For example, if you place your cursor over the first blank form field in the template, the instructions will read "Insert system name."



TIER 2 PUBLIC NOTICE FAILURE TO COMPLETE A LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT

(Note: Instructions are on pages 1 & 2; a fill-in-the-blank Public Notice (PN) template is on the third page.)

Description of Violation

A system's failure to complete a Level 1 assessment within the required timeframe is a treatment technique violation and requires Tier 2 public notification.

Community Delivery Requirements

Community water suppliers must provide within 30 days a Tier 2 PN to **each customer** using one or more of the following forms of direct delivery:

- Hand Delivery
- Postal Mail
- Electronic mail
- Automatic telephone dialing systems
- Another form of direct delivery approved in writing by the Department

Noncommunity Delivery Requirements

Noncommunity water suppliers must provide a Tier 2 PN within 30 days to consumers using one of the following methods:

- Posting in conspicuous locations
- Hand delivery
- Electronic mail
- Postal Mail
- Another method reasonably designed to reach other persons served by the system if they can't be reached by the above bulleted methods

Mandatory Language

Mandatory language on health effects must be included as written and is presented in this notice in *italics*.

You must also include mandatory language provided in *italics* to encourage notice recipients to distribute the PN to others, where applicable.

Assessment Trigger

Mandatory language explaining why the assessment was triggered must be included. This language is presented in this notice as "During recent routine monitoring, our water system tested positive for total coliforms."

Corrective Action (What is being done?)

In your notice, describe corrective actions you are taking. You can use one of the following statements, if appropriate, or develop your own text:

- Although we did not meet our Level 1 assessment submission deadline, we have since submitted the assessment to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection on *[enter date assessment was submitted.]*
- Although we did not meet our Level 1 assessment submission deadline, we will be submitting our assessment to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection on *[enter date assessment will be submitted.]*