

DRINKING WATER WARNING

FOR CUSTOMERS SERVED BY:

CHARLOTTE COUNTY UTILITIES
EL JOBEAN WATER ASSOCIATION
RIVERWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
NHC UTILITIES INC.
DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS

SITUATION

The Charlotte County Utilities public drinking water system failed to perform adequate bacteriological compliance monitoring for the month of November-2004. The water system collected and submitted laboratory analyses results for a total of 95 bacteriological distribution samples for the month of November-2004. Rule 62-550.518, Florida Administration Code, requires this water system to collect and submit analyses results for a minimum of 100 bacteriological distribution samples per month. Although the Department is in receipt of documentation from Charlotte County Utilities (CCU) which indicates that 27 bacteriological samples were collected on November 16, 2004, (these 27 samples are in addition to the 95 bacteriological samples which were collected by CCU earlier in the month of November-2004), the certified Laboratory which CCU utilizes to perform the analyses on the samples, has no record of ever receiving these samples for analyses.

HEALTH EFFECTS

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During the month of November-2004, we did not perform adequate bacteriological system monitoring, and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water at that time.

WHAT SHOULD CUSTOMERS DO?

At this time, customers need not take any action or seek an alternate water supply.

WHAT IS BEING DONE?

On December 13, 2004 the water system collected these same 27 different locations of bacteriological samples that were missing from November-2004 sampling. These 27 sample locations and the additional 95 sample locations were sampled by the end of December 2004 and have all indicated the absence of Coliform bacteria in the drinking water for the CCU water distribution system.

CCU has improved its tracking procedures for samples being collected and submitted to the laboratory for analyses and has installed a new secure "sample pick-up" area for laboratory personnel making scheduled pick-ups of all of our outgoing samples.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: Terrence Briggs,
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OR CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION POTABLE WATER COMPLIANCE/ENFORCEMENT SECTION AT (239) 332-6975.