BACTERIOLOGICAL QUALITY STANDARD FAILURE

Dear Lot Owner of Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation:

The bacteriological quality of water served by the Odd Fellows Sierra Recreational Association water supply system during the months of June and August 1980 did not meet the drinking water standards specified in the California Domestic Water Quality and Monitoring Regulations. The bacteriological quality of domestic water is routinely determined by testing for coliform bacteria. Coliform organisms are indicators of potential contamination and may originate from human, animal or soil sources. If the coliform standards are met, the water served can be considered as being bacteriologically safe. If they are not met, drinking the water may not necessarily result in illness, but that possibility exists. At times, a positive coliform bacteria test may result from situations which are not a hazard to health. However, the finding of coliform bacteria cannot be ignored and each water utility must take appropriate follow-up action.

Upon determination that the coliform standards were not being met, State Health Department and Association personnel took additional bacteriological samples from the system in an attempt to isolate the source of the problem. The results of the follow-up samples indicate that the Nichols Spring was the source of contamination. This source of supply has now been disconnected from the system and will not be put back into service until there has been sufficient information gathered to indicate that the problem will not arise again.

The most recent sampling results show that the bacteriological standards are now being met. The findings to date indicate that no special precautions are necessary on your part.

This notification of the public is being done in compliance with the California Domestic Water Quality and Monitoring Regulations as a means of keeping you, the public, informed.

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