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DRINKING WATER NOTICE

**JARRETTSVILLE VFW #8672
1714 MORSE ROAD
FOREST HILL, MD 21050
PWSID: 112-1067**

Tests show presence of coliform bacteria in water

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. We took one bacteria water sample on August 25, 2014 and four additional bacteria water samples on August 27, 2014. Three of the five samples showed the presence of Total Coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than one sample per month may test positive for total coliform bacteria.

What This Means

This is not an emergency. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves.

Coliforms are bacteria, which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems. Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the system's treatment or distribution systems.

You may drink the water. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

Steps We Are Taking

The contamination problem was corrected by:

1. This notice is being posted.
2. The well will be chlorinated.
3. Additional testing will be conducted.

For more information, please contact Frank Vitale of Jarrettsville VFW #8672 at 443-616-1312.

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.