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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

### **Ohio Match Estates Failure to Meet Treatment Requirements October 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>**

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement.

We are currently operating under an emergency disinfection plan approved by IDEQ. Between noon on October 12<sup>th</sup> and 1 pm on October 14<sup>th</sup> we were unable to add sufficient chlorine to meet the required disinfection of the water supply due to a mechanical failure of chemical injection equipment. The equipment was repaired, and adequate disinfection treatment is currently being provided.

What should I do?

- The water supply is now being adequately treated. We are collecting bacteriological samples today and tomorrow and will post these results on our homepage. You may choose to boil your water or consume bottled water until results confirm the absence of bacteria. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor in choosing what is best for you.
- 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 healthcare providers about drinking this water. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available on the EPA Ground Water and Drinking Water Website at <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water>.

#### **What does this mean?**

Inadequately treated or inadequately protected 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 mechanical failure has been corrected and safeguards are being incorporated to ensure this does not re-occur.

The district is moving forward to install a water main to supply the Ohio Match Estates water system from the Chilco Service Area. We are in the process of obtaining easements and required engineering design approval to consolidate these two systems and are on schedule to have this completed by Spring 2025. Generators equipped with auto switchover to supply the Ohio Match system are scheduled for delivery and installation.

For more information, please contact North Kootenai Water District at 208-687-6593 or 13649 N Meyer Road, Rathdrum.

*\*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.\**

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