

DRINKING WATER NOTICE OF OCCURANCE

TOWN OF LEONARDTOWN

June 16, 2016 Test Results Indicate that the Drinking Water Meets Standards Following the Detection of *E. coli* bacteria

Our water system detected *E. coli* bacteria in the distribution system and the Town's well on June 10, 2016. These bacteria can make you sick, and are especially a concern for people with weakened immune systems.

Our system violated the maximum contaminant level for drinking water for *E. coli* bacteria for June 2016. In addition, we failed to notify the Maryland Department of the Environment until June 15, 2016 that we detected *E. coli* bacteria in test results received on June 13, 2016. We were required to notify the State of this information within 24 hours of when we learned of the situation but we failed to do so.

Additional drinking water samples were collected on June 16, 2016 from the water system, and results indicated that *E. coli* bacteria was not present. Maryland Department of the Environment and the local health department assessed the water system for sanitary defects on June 17, 2016.

What should I do? What does this mean?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.** However if you have specific health concerns, you may consult your doctor.
- *E. coli* are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Human pathogens in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a greater health risk for infants, young children, the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice from their healthcare providers about drinking this water.

What is being done?

The Town is closely monitoring the chlorination of the drinking water. The required chlorination level was maintained at all times.

The Town's staff has performed additional flushing of hydrants and checked for broken water mains. The Town's Water system is checked by staff members daily for chlorine residuals and ph.

The lab that processed the samples is being monitored by MDE for possible erroneous results. The contaminated sample could possibly have been a false positive. The test results on June 16, 2016 showed the system was clear.

For more information, please contact Laschelle McKay at 301-475-9791 or POB 1, Leonardtown, MD 20650. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by bacteria and other disease-causing organisms are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

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