

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER SAMPLE**

North Carolina's *Rules Governing Public Water Systems* (15A NCAC 18C) require that a public water system sample for certain contaminants that may occur in the drinking water distribution system. For many contaminants, multiple water samples are necessary to determine a system's compliance with the water quality standards. Although several sample results may exceed the allowable limits, the system may be in compliance based on multiple sample results and will not be required to perform system-wide public notification or take corrective action. However, the consumers of the drinking water at an individual location where the allowable limits are exceeded are still susceptible to adverse health effects. The purpose of this notice is to inform you of the analytical results for the drinking water sample collected at the location identified below. Since the allowable limit was exceeded at this location, the potential health effects are also included so you can take any precautionary measures you feel are necessary to further protect your health.

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Sample Date</u>	<u>Parameter Tested</u>	<u>Results</u>	<u>Allowable Limit *</u>
__/__/__	Total Coliform	present	(see note below)

\* Note: The water system must perform a Level 1 Assessment if any one of the following events occur: 1) The system has two or more total coliform-positive/present samples in the same month (for systems taking fewer than 40 samples per month); or 2) Greater than 5% of the samples are total coliform-positive/present (for systems taking 40 or more samples per month); or 3) The system fails to take every required repeat sample after any single total coliform-positive/present sample.

**Potential Health Effects:**

***Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found at this sample location and this was a warning of potential problems.***

If you have specific health concerns, you may want to consult your doctor. You may also contact your county health department using the following website:

<http://www.ncalhd.org/directors>

or the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-(800)-426-4791.

Exceedance Awareness Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Notice was Distributed: \_\_\_\_\_ Method of Distribution: \_\_\_\_\_

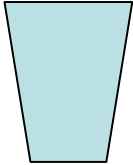
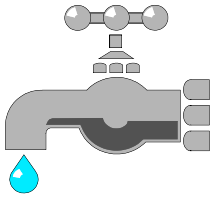
For more information, please contact:

Responsible Person	System Name	System Address (Street)
Phone Number	System Number	System Address (City, State, Zip)

**Special Notice Certification:**

The public water system named above hereby affirms that special public notification has been provided to its consumer in accordance with all delivery, content, format, and deadline requirements specified in 15A NCAC 18C .1523(c).

Owner/Operator: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature) (Print Name) (Date)



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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE SPECIAL NOTICE FOR DISTRIBUTION SAMPLES

Note: This template can be used to satisfy the special public notice for distribution sample requirements listed below if the template is completed properly and the notifications and certifications are performed in the manner and timeframes specified.

### PUBLIC NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS - SPECIAL NOTIFICATION FOR DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM SAMPLES [15A NCAC 18C .1523(c)]:

**Reporting requirement:** Whenever an individual compliance sample that is collected from the distribution system where the property is not owned or controlled by the water supplier tests positive for coliform bacteria or exceeds an action level, MCL or MRDL, the water system must inform the person authorizing the sample about their water quality results and the potential health effects, in writing.

#### Timing of notification:

- **Tier 1 Contaminant:** Within 24 hours of receipt of analytical results. [Section .1523 (c)(1)]
- **Tier 2 or 3 Contaminant:** Within 48 hours of receipt of analytical results. [Section .1523 (c)(2)]  
(See Appendix A to 40 CFR 141, Subpart Q for Tier Levels of Contaminants)

**Content:** The information to be provided must include the analytical results and the appropriate health effects language. Note: If you choose to use this template, complete the sample location address information, the sample date(s), parameter(s) tested, result(s) of analyses (denote unit of measurement) and the allowable limit (use same units of measurements as sample results). Insert the applicable Standard Health Effects Language for Public Notification from 40 CFR 141, Subpart Q and complete the delivery and contact information in the spaces provided.

#### Delivery:

- **Tier 1 Contaminant:** By telephone within 24 hours of receipt of analytical results, followed by written notice by mail or direct delivery within 48 hours of receipt
- **Tier 2 or 3 Contaminant:** By mail or direct delivery within 48 hours of receipt of analytical results.

**\*\* Certification of Special Notice [1523(c)(3)]:** A copy of the written notice and certification of delivery must be submitted to the State within **10 days** of completing the notification. Be sure to provide the distribution date and the method of distribution in the spaces provided on the template. Submit a copy to the PWS Section's Public Notification Rule Manager at 1634 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1634 or email it to [PWSS.PN@ncdenr.gov](mailto:PWSS.PN@ncdenr.gov).