

## DRINKING WATER NOTICE – Updated 02-23-16

### Boil Water Notice Continues for Bellemont Water Company

**DO NOT DRINK THE WATER  
WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST**

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER Bellemont Water Company PWS# 03-394

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) is issuing this notice to inform water users, that Bellemont Water Company PWS# 03-394 (BWC) is **currently, and has been under boil water advisory since August 23, 2012. This boil water advisory will remain in effect until certain conditions are met to ensure that safe drinking water is served. Please continue to boil your water for consumption until further notice. ADEQ is providing this notice as the water system is either unwilling or unable to notify its customers, as required by state regulations.**

#### What should I do?

**DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a rolling boil for a minimum of one minute, and let it cool before using. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water. You may also use bottled water. Use boiled or **bottled water** for all consumptive purposes including but not limited to drinking, making ice, preparing food, brushing teeth, hand washing/bathing, and washing dishes until further notice. Please contact your veterinarian if you have questions about providing water to household pets without boiling the water first. Also, if you have a compromised immune system, have an infant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice about drinking water from your health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from **EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791**. If you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. We will also be providing regular updates on this situation via public notice.

The table below lists data and public notices received and/or not received by ADEQ to confirm the above information:

Contaminant data	Month, Day and Year Sample Taken	Number of Samples Taken	Number of Samples with Positive Results = P Negative Results = N
Total Coliform	08/22/12	(1) sample	(1) P
	08/23/12	(4) samples	(4) P
	08/29/12	(5) samples	(4) P
	08/31/12	(6) samples	(2) P
	09/06/12	(6) samples	(2) P
	10/03/12	(5) samples	(1) P (4) N
	07/14/14	(1) samples	(1) P
	07/16/14	(6) samples	(3) P (2) N
	08/20/14	(10) samples	(6) P (4) N
	08/26/14	(1) sample	(1) P

E.coli	08/22/12	(1) sample	(1) P
	08/23/12	(2) samples	(2) P
	08/29/12	(5) samples	(5) N
	08/31/12	(6) samples	(2) N
	09/06/12	(6) samples	(2) N
	10/03/12	(5) samples	(1) P (4) N
	07/14/14	(1) sample	(1) P
	07/16/14	(5) samples	(3) P (2) N
	08/20/14	(10) samples	(6) P (4) N
	08/26/14	(1) sample	(1) P

### What is being done?

In response to this situation, ADEQ is issuing this notice and will continue to ensure that Bellemont Water Company (BWC) notifies its customers within 24 hours of learning of any E.coli positives. ADEQ is conducting a thorough investigation to determine the source of the contamination and will take the necessary actions to ensure that BWC implements corrective actions so your water supply is protected against contamination.

### When is the system expected to return to compliance?

ADEQ and BWC entered into Consent Order with Civil Administrative Penalty, DW-68-14, effective December 29, 2014. The Order required BWC to construct a chlorination system, to address the E.coli positives and submit an Approval of Construction (AOC) application no later than September 30, 2014.

- BWC installed the chlorination system in February of 2015; however, it has not submitted an application for the AOC in order to begin using it.
- BWC was also, required to issue a Tier 1 Boil Water Advisory (BWA) Public Notice to all persons served by the water system, repeats the Notice every thirty days; and keep the Notice continually posted at the standpipe until ADEQ notifies that the Notice can be suspended. BWC has failed to post the Public Notice and conduct the required sampling; therefore, ADEQ is fulfilling the requirement on their behalf to ensure that customers are aware of the Boil Water Advisory.
- BWC had been posting the Notices, and distributing them to all water customers until April 2015.

**For more information, please contact: Klaudia Ness at 928-220-0350, or Steve Adams at 928-587-2668.**

*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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