



# SPIRIT LAKE DAKOTA NATION

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## Public Notice

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

#### **Spirit Lake Water Management Failed to Correct a Significant Deficiency Within Required Time Frame.**

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did (are doing) to correct this situation.

A routine sanitary survey conducted on 06/19/2013 by the Environmental Protection Agency Region 8 (EPA) found Spirit Lake Water Management RWS has failed to complete corrective action to address a significant deficiency that requires an operator certified at Level 2 for Water Treatment and Level 2 for distribution on 12/31/2021.

As required by EPA's Ground Water Rule, we were required to take action to correct this deficiency. However, we failed to take this action by the deadline established by EPA.

#### **What should I do?**

- There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- 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 health care providers about drinking this water. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

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

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. *\*Inadequately treated 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?**

- It's our goal to accomplish proper certification for the system that requires Level 2 Water Treatment/Distribution to insure quality of the system.
- Continue commitment to continuing education for operators by attending and taking exams with programs that are certified through USEPA at state and tribal levels. Working with NDRWSA, IHS, Midwest Assistance, ITCA, etc.
- Operator have come close to passing Level 2 exams. With further prep should be able to get Level 2 certification.

We anticipate resolving the problem within 120 days. For more information, please contact Spirit Lake Water Management RWS at 701-766-1209 or PO Box 187 Saint Michael, ND 58370.

*\*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly. You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.\**