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DRINKING WATER WARNING

GWA Northern Water System’s Well A-31 Tested Positive for Fecal Indicator

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

Our water system recently detected fecal indicator organisms *escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) bacteria in well A-31, which serves the ***Agaña Heights, Sinajaña, and Maina areas***. As our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation. On **April 24, 2024**, we collected a sample from well A-31. The sample tested positive for *E. coli*.

What should I do? What does this mean?

- **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for three (3) minutes, and let it cool before using *or* use bottled water. ***Boiled or bottled water*** should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation **until further notice**. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.
- *Fecal indicators are microbes whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause short term health effects such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely compromised immune systems.*
- The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers about drinking this water.

What is being done?

GWA collected five additional samples from the source. The system was flushed, and chlorine levels and pressures have been confirmed to be within acceptable levels in the distribution system. We will inform you when tests show no *E. coli* and you no longer need to boil your water. We anticipate resolving the problem within 24-48 hours.



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For more information, please contact **Mr. Paul Kemp** at 671-300-6885 or 671-688-4946 or at Suite 200, 688 Rt. 15, Mangilao GU 96913-6203. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

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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