



# *The City of Lindsborg*

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## **DRINKING WATER NOTICE**

### Monitoring or Reporting Requirements Not Met by City of Lindsborg

During the month of November 2013, the City of Lindsborg water supply system violated a drinking water standard. Even though this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we have done to correct the situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not drinking water meets health standards. During November 2013, we were out of strict compliance with required monitoring and testing for coliform bacteria and therefore could not be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

**What happened:** We are routinely required to test for coliform bacteria no fewer than four times a month. Additional samples are required if there has been a coliform-positive or rejected sample. That month, two routine samples were rejected due to excessive time in transit to the lab and were successfully replaced with good samples. A monitoring violation occurred when a third sample was rejected for excessive time in transit. The State lab notified the City that a replacement sample bottle would be sent but it never was. The violation occurred when the City did not follow up with the lab about the missing sample bottle, and therefore did not submit a fourth sample for the month.

**What you should do and who is at risk: This is Not an Emergency!** There is nothing you need to do. There is no direct health risk to consumers. All previous samples and all subsequent samples have not had any contamination.

**What we are doing:** Since it is our desire to provide the safest water possible to our consumers, we have taken the action of paying closer attention to our monthly sampling program and daily record keeping, and are looking into alternative resources for testing or shipping if necessary in order to prevent future violations. We will call the State lab early in the month if we haven't received bottles needed for sampling. **We anticipate no further problems with this issue.**

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