

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Rockhound State Park Failed to Comply with the Operator Certification Act

Este informe contiene información importante acerca de su agua potable. Haga que alguien lo traduzca para usted, o hable con alguien que lo entienda.

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 to correct this situation.

New Mexico Drinking Water Regulations require all public water systems to be operated by an appropriate level certified operator. We failed to meet this requirement.

What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your 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?

The problem was resolved on November 1, 2022 by hiring a contract operator.

For more information, please contact:

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Rockhound State Park Failed to Correct Deficiencies Within Required Time Frame

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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 are doing to correct this situation.

A routine sanitary survey conducted on 9/26/2019 by Aaron Beckworth with the New Mexico Environment Department-Drinking Water Bureau (NMED-DWB) found a new well was constructed without NMED-DWB review and approval.

We were to consult with the NMED-DWB regarding the appropriate corrective actions within 30 days and complete all corrective action within 120 days as required by Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Ground Water Rule. However, we failed to take these actions by the deadlines established by the NMED-DWB.

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What is being done?

We anticipate resolving the problem by the end of November 2024. Engineering reports and drawings to correct deficiencies have been prepared. Samples of the well water were taken in late June 2024. Upon receipt of test results, the application for NMED approval should be submitted in mid-August. Construction is expected to begin in October. Meanwhile monthly water testing has proven compliance with Drinking Water Standards for the last eight years.

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