

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

## Monitoring Requirements Not Met for Jamestown Water Department

PWS# RI1858419

The Jamestown Water Department water system violated a drinking water standard over the past year. Although this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have the right to know what happened and what we did to correct the situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water and surface water sources for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. Between the dates of 10/15/2017 and 10/19/2017, our laboratory did not analyze water quality samples with approved testing methods, from our untreated raw source water, and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our raw source water during that time.

### *What should I do?*

There is nothing you need to do at this time. You may continue to drink the water. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.

The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test for, how often we are supposed to sample for the contaminant(s) and how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were (or will be) taken.

Contaminants	Required Sampling Frequency	Number of Samples Taken	When All Samples Should Have Been Taken	When Samples Were or Will Be Taken
<i>E. coli</i>	1 sample per month analyzed using approved testing methods	1 analyzed with incorrect testing methods	between 10/15/2017 10/19/2017	

**What happened?** The laboratory report for a sample collected in October 2017 from the North

Reservoir referenced a method for E.Coli analysis that is not approved by the RIDOH, which resulted in a violation.

**What is being done?** We contacted the laboratory Director who found that the laboratory analyzed the sample using the correct method but noted it incorrectly. The laboratory report has been corrected and submitted to the RIDOH with the correct analysis method noted.

For more information, please contact Michael Gray at 401-423-7225

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.