

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

## Failure to Correct Sanitary Deficiencies

The **Acoma Main Water System (PWS ID 063501001)** failed to correct significant deficiencies identified during a sanitary survey within the timeline required by the Safe Drinking Water Act. This resulted in a violation of the Groundwater Rule. Even though this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct this situation. We were notified of the violation by the EPA on March 29, 2018 and issued a Public Notice on May 5, 2018. We are required by regulation to repeat this notice periodically until all the significant deficiencies are addressed and the violation is returned to compliance.

### **What happened?**

On October 11, 2016, the Southwest Environmental Finance Center performed a detailed evaluation of our water system. From this survey, the EPA identified significant deficiencies with the water system's facilities, operations and management. Some of these significant deficiencies remained unaddressed past the time limit for corrective action and are still pending correction, and therefore we remain in violation of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

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

- There is nothing you need to do at this time. You may continue to drink the water. We do not know of any bacteriological contamination, and none of our testing has shown disease-causing organisms in the drinking water. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.

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

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. But as our customer, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation.

*Inadequately treated or inadequately protected water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms can cause symptoms such as diarrhea, nausea, cramps, and associated headaches.*

However, these symptoms are not only caused 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?**

*Funding has been awarded to the Pueblo of Acoma to correct the deficiencies. The ARV's have been replaced, the piping has been replaced at both locations Rattle and Anzac tanks above ground, the mesh screen and air vents have been replaced and installed to specs. The new pumphouse #7 is currently under construction and rehabilitation of Wells 4 & 5 is currently in progress.*

*For more information, please contact Sharlene Phillips, Interim Executive Director at 505-552-5131.*

*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.*

This notice is being sent to you by **Acoma Main Water System (PWS ID 063501001)**

Date distributed: April 25, 2023.

**Public Notice Certification Form**

Community Water System  
Tier 2 Public Notice

PWS Name: Acoma Main

PWS ID #: 063501001

Rule Violation: Ground Water Rule Violation

Date of Violation: March 29, 2018

PN Due Date: ASAP

PN Certification Due: 10 days after public notice is posted

Notice distributed by (check all that apply):

**Required:**

Mail or other direct delivery to each customer receiving a bill and to other service connections to which water is delivered by the public water system

One or more of the following are required if needed to reach additional persons served by the system who would not be reached by mail or direct delivery to customers. These delivery methods do not replace mail or direct delivery to each customer and service connection.

Publication in a local newspaper

Delivery of multiple copies for distribution by customers that provide their drinking water to others (apartment building owners or large private employers, for instance)

Posting in public places

Posting on the Internet

Delivery to community organizations

The public water system indicated above hereby affirms that public notice has been provided to consumers in accordance with the delivery, content, and format requirements and deadlines in §40 CFR 141.203.

Date PN Issued to Customers: April 25, 2023

Shalyn Pullen  
Signature of PWS Representative

April 25, 2023  
Date Signed

**Please attach a copy of your Public Notice to this completed form and return to EPA by email or mail within 10 days of posting public notice:**

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