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BOIL ORDER ADVISORY ISSUED FOR USERS OF MARGARETSVILLE WATER SYSTEM

ANNAPOLIS Co., JULY 28, 2010 - A Boil Order Advisory has been issued to all users of the Margaretsville Water System effective immediately.

Municipal Services Director Laurie Emms is advising everyone who uses the Margaretsville Water System to boil their water for at least 10 minutes before use. The Advisory has been issued in response to a test result showing E.Coli in the treated water.

“We are presently addressing the matter and hope to have the issue resolved as quickly as possible. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause,” Emms noted.

He explained the best practices to use during the Boil Order Advisory:

- DRINKING WATER - Do not drink the water from the water supply unless it has been boiled for 10 minutes. Alternatively, drink bottled water or obtain water from another approved source.
- BRUSHING TEETH - Use bottled or boiled water only.
- BATHING - Baths and showers can be taken in the normal fashion. This also applied to babies and to individuals with skin rashes.
- COOKING - The water can be used for cooking and baking if it is added before the heating occurs. Use boiled water for washing vegetables to be eaten raw (salads).
- DISHES - Wash dishes in hot soapy water, rinse in hot water and air dry or use a dishwasher. For an extra margin of safety for dishes washed by hand, individuals may wish to add a capful of bleach to a basin of rinse water.

Also, for commercial establishments:

- COFFEE MAKING MACHINES - Boiled or bottled water must be used.
- ICE MAKING MACHINES - The ice from these machines is not suitable for use unless an alternate water supply is used.
- COOKING - Same as above.

A Notice will be sent out when the Boil Order Advisory is removed.

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