**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

The CITY OF WATHENA public water supply system violated a drinking water standard. Even though this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have the right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct the situation.

*We are required to monitor your drinking waster for specific contaminants and residual disinfectant levels on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether our drinking water meets health standards. During April 2023, we did not complete some required monitoring for coliform bacteria nor residual disinfectant level and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.*

We are routinely required to test for coliform bacteria no fewer than two times a month. Additionally, samples are required following a coliform-positive or rejected sample. We are required to monitor the residual disinfectant level at the same time and same point as total coliforms. A monitoring violation occurred because of failure to meet these requirements in April, 2023.

**What you should do and who is at risk:** This was not an emergency. There is nothing you need to do at this time. There was no direct health risk to consumers.

**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 our laboratory early in the month if we haven’t received bottles needed for sampling. **We anticipate resolving the problem within 60 days of the violation period.**

For more information, please contact TAMMY BEMBRICK by phone at 785-989-4711, email at [tcbembrick@rainbowtel.net](mailto:tcbembrick@rainbowtel.net) or by mail at 206 ST JOSEPH ST, PO BOX 27, WATHENA, KS 66090

*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.*

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