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Drinking Water Notice

Aquarion Water Company was notified today by its testing lab that E-coli had been detected in untreated water in the Downing Street Water well in Hingham, MA. Tests performed on water after it was treated indicated there was **no E-coli present in the water that went to customers.**

Under recent changes to water quality rules by the Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”), the company is nonetheless required to notify all customers of the situation.

Harry Hibbard, Aquarion Water Company, Vice President said “The well had only been in operation for 27 hours when the company learned of the test results.” As a precaution Aquarion shut down the well. Samples taken at several points in the distribution system confirmed no presence of E-coli in the water after it was treated. The well will not be reopened until DEP approves it. Aquarion is presently investigating the situation and will take further actions to identify and eliminate the source of contamination.

This is not an emergency. **Customers do not need to boil the water or take any further precautions.**

As a result of DEP’s new Groundwater Rule, the company is distributing the attached “Drinking Water Notice”, which is to be printed or displayed in its entirety.

For more information and updates on the situation, please contact Aquarion Water Company at 800-732-9678.

Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts, an Aquarion subsidiary is the public water supply company for some 18,500 homes and businesses, including Millbury, Oxford, Hingham, Hull, and North Cohasset, Massachusetts.