

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

## Worden Ballantine Yellowstone PWS

### Does Not Meet Treatment Requirements

Our water system was notified that our source water has been determined to be under the direct influence of surface water and as such needs to be disinfected and filtered to meet surface water treatment regulations. Even though this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct the situation.

On August 26, 2019 the Montana Department of Environmental Quality ordered us to filter the water in addition to disinfecting. We were required to install this filtration in 18 months or find a new source. However, we have not yet installed a filtration system.

#### What should I do?

- You do not need to boil your water. A home filter will not necessarily solve the problem, because not all home filters protect against parasites. Call NSF International at 1(800) NSF-8010 or the Water Quality Association at 1(800) 749-0234 for information on appropriate filters.
- People with severely compromised immune systems, people with an infant, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. If you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

#### What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. We do not know of any cases of contamination. However, until improvements are made, there is an increased chance that disease-causing organisms could contaminate the water supply.

*Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.*

#### What is being done?

We will install treatment or use an alternate GW source.

We anticipate resolving the problem by February 15, 2023.

For more information, please contact: Sandra Kust, 406-670-4550 or 2449 Main Street, Worden, MT 59088.

*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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