

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Drinking Water Standard Not Met for the City of St. Marys

Public water supply systems (PWSS) are required to have a sanitary survey conducted every 3-5 years depending on that water systems classification. A sanitary survey is a physical inspection in addition to an inspection of the operation and maintenance of that water system. Sanitary surveys are an important tool used to ensure that the quality of your drinking water is safe. During the required inspection, significant deficiencies - defined as a defect in design, operation, or maintenance, or a failure or malfunction of the water systems sources, treatment, storage, or distribution system that is causing or has the potential to allow for a pathway for contamination may be identified. When significant deficiencies are identified a PWSS has 30 days to contact the state in order to arrive at a reasonable schedule of compliance to correct the outstanding deficiencies. Our PWSS failed to contact the state within the required timeframe.

What should I do?

If the significant deficiency identified was an imminent health threat immediate corrective action would have been required and you would have been notified immediately. You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

Significant deficiencies identified during the sanitary survey must be corrected within 120 days of being notified or within a state derived time frame. These deficiencies are not an immediate risk. If they had been, you would have been notified immediately.

What happened?

In a letter dated August 15, 2018, KDHE notified the city that, “Your system failed to consult with the state within 30-days of being notified by letter of Significant Deficiencies.” The letter went on to say, “This is a Tier 3 violation in which public notice must be issued as soon as practical, but within one calendar year after learning of the violation.”

What is being done?

All of the deficiencies have been corrected. No further action, except this public notice is required.

For more information please contact Don Colson at (785)207-5454, or Maurice Cordell at City Hall, 200 S. 7th Street, St. Marys, Kansas, 66536.

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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