Monthly Reporting Requirements were not met By Chama Water System for November 2021

Our water system recently violated a drinking water regulation. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation. We are required to submit turbidity data and chlorine levels to the State on a monthly basis. This requirement has been met, but was submitted to the state past the due date for the month of: November 2021

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been you would have been notified immediately.

Monitoring and reporting turbidity and chlorine levels in your water are important in ensuring safe water to all our customers. **Chlorine is added to the water to inactivate bacteria that may be present. Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.* * These symptoms are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

Tests taken during this time period <u>did not</u> indicate the presence of bacteria in the drinking water system during this period.

What should I do?

You **<u>do not</u>** need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, please contact your health care professional.

What is being done? The Village was plagued with multiple power outages during the time of reporting deadlines. The treatment plant does not have an emergency generator. These frequent power failures damaged our sensitive equipment for data collection. We worked with our SCADA service provider (Computer programmers) to correct the programs each time we had an outage. The report was finally submitted, late, to the state on December 30th.

We anticipate having a generator purchased and installed in 2022.

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*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. *