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Boil order issued for Glen Ullin water supply

Mandan, N.D. – A boil order is in effect for the City of Glen Ullin’s water supply until further notice due to animal contamination through a breach to the water storage facility. Residents should not drink the water without boiling it first.

Animal contamination can carry microbial pathogens which cause waterborne disease outbreaks. All water should be brought to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using. Infant formula should be prepared using bottled water only. Boiled water, bottled water or water from another approved source should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice.

The breach to the water facility means the potential exists for contamination of the drinking water with disease causing microorganisms which can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. If one or more of these symptoms occur and they persist, you should contact your doctor. People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care provider.

The breach allowed disease-causing organisms to have a pathway of entry into the city’s water distribution system.

The city is taking the following action:

- The water storage facility has been isolated.
- All breaches will be corrected.
- Water storage facility will be drained, scoured and disinfected.
- The distribution system will be flushed.
- Bacteriological samples will be taken to determine when the water is again safe to drink.

Morton County has sent out the following messages to inform the public:

- CodeRED Emergency Notification System (reverse 911)

- WEA (Wireless Emergency Alert) message sent through our IPAWS Everbridge System
- EAS (Emergency Alert System) message sent through our IPAWS Everbridge System

We will inform you when you no longer need to boil your water.

General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

If you have additional questions about boiling your water, etc., there is additional information regarding boil orders located on the North Dakota Department of Health website:

<http://www.ndhealth.gov/MF/forms/BoilOrders.pdf>

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