DRINKING WATER WARNING – *E. coli* MCL Violation

The _____Water System, ID _____, located in _____ County is contaminated with *E. coli* bacteria.

E. coli bacteria were detected in the water supply on _____. These bacteria can make you sick and are a particular concern for people with compromised immune systems. Boiled or purchased bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

What should you do? **Until further notice, only use water from the water sources that are marked "yes" in the table below and follow the directions listed for each.**

YES	SOURCE OF WATER
	If using water from this water system **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST**. Bring all water to a rolling boil, for one minute, and let it cool before using.
	We are furnishing purchased bottled water (or water from a source approved by the State Department of Health). It is available at:_____
	You must furnish your own bottled water.
	Other

E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Human pathogens in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a greater health risk for infants, young children, the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems.

The symptoms above 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. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care provider.

What happened? What is the suspected or known source of contamination?

The following is being done to correct the problem:

We will consult with the State Department of Health about this incident. We will provide you notification when you no longer need to boil the water. We anticipate resolving the problem by _____.

For more information please contact:_____
(owner/operator) (phone #) (address) (email)

Please share this notice 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.

This notice is sent to you by _____Water System on ____/____/_____