**Public Notification**

**What’s the problem?**

The Water System, ID # , in County, received drinking water sample results on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ reporting arsenic levels of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_microgram per liter (µg/L). This level is above the 10 µg/L arsenic standard, or Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL), allowed by State Board of Health regulations.

Most arsenic in drinking water comes from natural sources. Arsenic can also come from human activities, such as mining or smelting ores that contain arsenic. Arsenic was used in commercial wood preservatives and agricultural chemicals.

Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**Do not boil your water to lower arsenic.** Boiling, freezing, filtering, or letting water stand does not reduce arsenic. Excessive boiling can even increase arsenic levels because arsenic stays behind as water evaporates.

Visit the Washington Department of Health’s Group B public water system webpage for more information about arsenic in drinking water at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/DrinkingWater/WaterSystemAssistance/GroupB/GeneralInformation/Arsenic.aspx>

**What’s being done?**

We are providing you this notice so you can make choices about your drinking water.

Your water system is taking these corrective actions:

 We will collect additional arsenic samples in the future, and report the results to you.

 We will evaluate treatment options.

 Other (please explain below)

For more information, please contact \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at ( ) \_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ or email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Please share this notice with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not receive this notice directly (for example, people in apartments 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 \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_