

September 24, 2021

City of Kulm
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RE: Monitoring Schedule Deviation: Public Notification Needed

Dear Angie Holmgren

According to our records, the City of Kulm recently performed routine annual monitoring for Haloacetic Acids and Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM and HAA5). Laboratory analysis of the samples indicates that results were below the maximum contaminant level for both contaminants.

We want to let you know that unfortunately due to an error in the sampling instruction memo that was sent to you by our office, the samples that were collected on 8/9/2021 were collected outside of the established monitoring period of 08/01/2020 - 07/31/2021. Collecting samples outside of the established time frame generally results in a monitoring violation, but because this was an error on our part, **no violation will be issued.** Public notification will, however, be required to let your customers know of this situation.

Public Notification must be performed by using ONE of the following methods within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter.

Step 1

- **Mail a copy of the enclosed notice with the next water bill,**

OR

- **Mail a postcard with the enclosed information and also post the complete notice on the system's website for no fewer than 7 days.**

Please use the notice provided as it describes the situation.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Kulm

Drinking Water Sampling Date Error

The City of Kulm is required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants according to the Disinfection By-products Rule under the Safe Drinking Water Act. We are required to monitor for these contaminants on an annual basis.

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality recently provided an incorrect sampling date to the City of Kulm as it prepared to collect routine annual Haloacetic Acid and Total Trihalomethane samples.

Samples were collected on 8/9/2021 and lab results indicate that both contaminants were present in acceptable levels; however, the sample was collected outside of the 08/01/2020 - 07/31/2021 monitoring period. No violation was issued as the NDDEQ was responsible for this error. **This is not an emergency and there is nothing you need to do; however, as our customer you have a right to know.**

What happened? What is being done?

Samples for TTHM and HAA5 were collected outside of the established monitoring period due to incorrect instructions given to the system. Steps have been taken by NDDEQ to ensure that correct monitoring dates are provided to the system in the future.

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.

For further information, please contact Angie Holmgren at 701-647-2451.

Postcard Statement-For use if notice will be posted on the city's website:

A Public Notice regarding the City of Kulm recent sampling of its drinking water for Disinfection By-products is located on the city's website at: (insert link to public notice). This notice contains information regarding the fact that due to an error in the sampling date provided to the city by the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, the samples were collected outside of the established monitoring period. Results for samples collected during this event were within the acceptable levels for all contaminants tested.

Please review the notice and contact us if you have any questions or would like a paper copy of the public notice. The City of Kulm 701-647-2451.