

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

### Monitoring Requirements Not Met for [Upper Deerfield Water Dept.]

On January 18, 2017 our water system was cited for failure to collect the required number of samples for nitrate testing from our two water treatment facilities for the fourth quarter of 2016. Even though these were not emergencies, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct these situations.

The samples in question had been collected and delivered to the lab to be analyzed on the required schedule. However, the lab exceeded the hold time before processing them which caused the results to be invalidated. In addition, the lab failed to notify us of the expiration of the samples which would have allowed us to resample within the required time frame.

As this incident was not confined to Upper Deerfield's water system (several water departments throughout the State were cited due to the failure of the lab), the NJDEP allowed us to take additional samples in January 2017 and apply averaging for the missed sampling in the last quarter of 2016.

*We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During [10/1/2016- 12/31/2016] we did not complete all monitoring or testing for nitrates and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.*

#### **What should I do?**

There is nothing you need to do at this time. No alternate water supply is necessary. Please see the nitrates section on page 2 of this CCR for required information of health effects of nitrates.

The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test for during the last year, how often we are supposed to sample for nitrates and how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were taken.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	When all samples should have been taken	When samples were or will be taken
Nitrates TP001001	1 sample every quarter	1*	10/1/16-12/31/16	1-31-2017
Nitrates TP002002	1 per year(20 16)	1*	10/1/16-12/31/16	11/30/2017 2/7/2017

#### **What happened? What is being done?**

##### **Sampling remains on schedule**

For more information, please contact John Hoogendorn at 609-381-6443 or 1325 Hwy 77 Seabrook, NJ.

*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.*

This notice is being sent to you by Upper Deerfield Water Dept.

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