

PUBLIC NOTICE THAT DRINKING WATER
VIOLATIONS HAVE OCCURRED

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources has been delegated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency the responsibility to administer and enforce the provisions of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act in South Dakota. The purpose of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act is to ensure that safe drinking water is available to all users of public water supply systems in the United States.

The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act requires that all customers of a public water supply system have the right to know what problems are being faced by the water systems they use. Therefore, a system must notify its customers when drinking water quality standards are not met or when testing is not performed. Many public water systems provide this notice when problems have been identified. Other systems do not provide this notice, even after being requested to do so. The customers of these systems may be unaware of the problems faced by their water systems.

The Public Notification Rule was revised in May, 2002. Particular violations now require public notification within 12 months of the violation occurrence. As a result, particular violations that occurred in 2012 are just now reaching the 12 month deadline.

During March, 2013, those public water supply systems identified below failed to provide to the Department a copy of the required public notice concerning their violations of the Federal Drinking Water Act. In order to ensure that the public is aware of these problems, the Safe Drinking Water Act allows the Department to publish informational public notices when individual systems fail to do so. That is the purpose of this notice.

NO PUBLIC NOTICE ISSUED FOR EXCEEDING THE RADIUM 226/228 STANDARD

Water systems that exceed the standard for combined radium 226/228, a radioactive contaminant, must issue public notices to their customers every calendar quarter concerning this fact. Some people who drink water containing radium 226/228 in excess of the standard over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

The following system failed to issue the required public notice during the October-December, 2012, quarter:

Terra Cotta Estates-Box Elder

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources recommends that users and customers of the drinking water systems identified above contact the owners and operators of these water systems to ask what corrective actions are being taken. Additional information is available from Barbara Friedeman, Drinking Water Program-DENR, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501-3181 (Phone: 773-3754)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'B. Friedeman', written in a cursive style.

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Secretary

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