

Monitoring Violations Annual Notice – Template 3

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Monitoring Requirements **Not Met** for GSSA Transient non community (NC) water well (NJ State water well ID 1806356, EA ID#PEA110001-1806356) in year 2010.

Our water system violated drinking water standards in year 2010. Even though these were not emergencies, as GSSA congregants and consumer of water, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct these situations.

GSSA is required to monitor our 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 year 2010, we did not complete all monitoring or testing for **Total Coliform** and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water for the year 2010, 3rd Quarter and 4th Quarter.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time.

The table below lists the contaminants we did not properly test for year 2010, how often we are supposed to sampling of Total Coliform 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 in 2010	When samples should have been taken	When samples were taken
Total Coliform	Quarterly	None	3 rd Quarter, 2010	3/16/2011
Total Coliform	Quarterly	None	4 th Quarter, 2010	4/29/2011

What is being done?

1. On 5/18/2011, GSSA Working Committee (Dr. Harbhajan Nayar & Gulshan (Raja) Singh) met with Somerset County Health Department (Miss. Lynn Rodriguez and Miss. Dawn Prandi) to resolve this issue. This meeting was very fruitful as the new GSSA Working Committee learned what transpired in 2010 and how to take care of water well at GSSA going forward. The Somerset County Health department was extremely helpful.
2. We are providing this notice to GSSA congregants as per New Jersey Department of Environment Protection and Somerset County Health Department guidelines.
3. With the installation of new GSSA Working Committee in 2011, we hired a new vendor (Garden State Labs). Garden State Lab is doing monitoring as per the requirements and the GSSA Working Committee is monitoring their work very closely.

For more information, please contact Gulshan Singh at 908-658-9805.

Please share this information with all the other congregants who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example people who don't come to GSSA regularly, are on long term trip to India etc). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Thanks,

Dr Harbhajan S. Nayar

Gulshan Singh

What is Total Coliform?

Total Coliforms are a group of closely related, mostly harmless bacteria that live in soil and water as well as the gut of animals. The extent to which total coliforms are present in the source water can indicate the general quality of that water and the likelihood that the water is fecally contaminated. Total coliforms are currently controlled in drinking water regulations (i.e., Total Coliform Rule) because their presence above the standard indicates problems in treatment or in the distribution system. EPA requires all public [water systems](#) to monitor for total coliforms in distribution systems. If total coliforms are found, then the public water system must further analyze that total coliform-positive sample to determine if specific types of coliforms (i.e., **fecal coliforms** or *E. coli*) are present.

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