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PRESS RELEASE

Total Coli Form Bacteria Advisory

Franklin County Citizens are advised to boil all water used for human consumption

Franklin County, September 20, 2010: Total coli form bacteria were detected in water samples collected from the water system serving Franklin County Public Utilities in Franklin County. Coli forms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are generally not harmful themselves. However, coli forms are an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present. Therefore, as a precaution until additional testing can confirm the absence of coli form bacteria, Franklin County Public Utilities advises consumers to boil all water used for human consumption (including drinking, cooking, brushing teeth, making ice and washing hands) or used bottled water. Vigorous boiling for one (1) minute should kill any disease-causing organisms that may be present in the water.

Please note Franklin County staff has taken multiple samples over the past several days and **all samples have shown negative results for any bacteria.** As a precaution, this advisory will remain in effect until the completion of additional testing scheduled for Monday, September 20, 2010.

This advisory remains in effect until further written notification is issued.

For information and/or questions regarding this advisory issued on September 20, 2010, please contact the following:

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