

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Upon review of the records of this office (Louisiana Department of Health - Office of Public Health [LDH - OPH]), the above water supply was found to be in non-compliance with the requirements of the Louisiana State Sanitary Code (LAC 51: XII.357 and 358). The non-compliance was determined as a result of the above water supply failing to provide a free (or total) chlorine residual concentration of 0.5 milligrams per liter (mg/L) in more than 5.0 percent of the samples collected in the distribution system for two consecutive months. Pursuant to the requirements of the Louisiana State Sanitary Code (LAC 51: XII.358), failure to comply with the minimum disinfectant residual (and treatment technique requirement) requires water suppliers to inform their consumers of such non-compliance.

- The Pinehill Waterworks District is currently in violation of the treatment technique requirements for minimum residual disinfectant level as set forth by the State (Part XII of the Louisiana State Sanitary Code). Although this incident is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correction situation.
- The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) has determined that the presence of microbiological contaminants is a health concern at certain levels of exposure and requires the disinfection of drinking water to kill disease-causing organisms. Inadequately treated water may contain disease causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. These symptoms, however, are not just associated with disease-causing organisms in drinking water, but also may be caused by a number of factors other than your drinking water. LDH has set enforceable requirements for treating drinking water to reduce the risk of these adverse health effects. Treatment such as filtering and disinfecting the water removes and destroys microbiological contaminants. Drinking water which is treated to meet LDH requirements is associated with little to none of this risk and should be considered safe.
- We are required to monitor your water for the residual disinfectant level. This tells us whether we are effectively, treating the water supply. during the compliance monitoring periods of (01/01/2022) through (01/31/2022), and (02/01/2022) through (02/28/2022), the Pinehill Waterworks District failed to provide the minimum residual disinfectant level in the treated water supplied to customers. The violation occurred because the treated water chlorine residual was less than 0.5 milligrams per liter in over five percent of the samples collected in the water system in two consecutive months.

- You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- 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.

In addition, specify the steps being taken to comply, as well as when the water system expects to return to compliance, must also be included in this notice.

For more information, please contact Pinehill Waterworks District at (318) 425-7586. This notice is being sent to you by Pinehill Waterworks District PWS ID#LA1017027 Date distributed