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DRINKING WATER WARNING

The Beatty water system, PWS ID # NY-0009-12C has had a water main break resulting in loss of pressure that could result in contamination of your drinking water.

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

What should I do?

DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST

- Bring water to a boil, let it boil for one minute and cool before using (**at altitudes above one mile, boil for three minutes**); or use bottled water. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice.
- The possible presence of bacteria indicates that the water may be contaminated with other disease causing organisms. Microbes can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely compromised immune systems.
- The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

What happened?

1. Bacterial contamination can occur due to a break in the distribution system (pipes) or a failure in the water treatment process.

What is being done?

Water samples will be collected to confirm the absence of bacteria in the water supply. Bacteriological tests will be performed upstream, downstream, and point of origin.

We will inform you when tests show no bacteria and you no longer need to boil your water. We anticipate resolving the problem within 6 hours due to the length of pipe found broken.

For more information please contact Beatty Water & Sanitation District at phone 775-553-2931. Also please visit our website at www.beattywsd.net for further information.

General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.