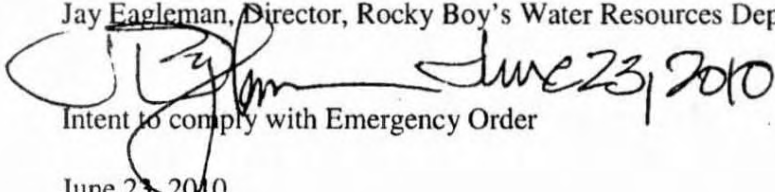


TO: Barbara Burkland, EPA

FROM: Jay Eagleman, Director, Rocky Boy's Water Resources Department

RE: Intent to comply with Emergency Order

DATE: June 23, 2010



Please accept this as notification of the Chippewa Cree Tribe's intent to comply with the requirements of the Emergency Order issued yesterday by EPA.

The Tribe notified EPA of the emergency situation on June 19 and put a boil order in effect at that time. Residents also started receiving bottled water on June 19, 2010.

We will keep EPA informed of all progress towards restoring pressure in the Newtown system.

Chippewa Cree Tribal Water Resource Department

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DRINKING WATER WARNING

The Newtown Water System may be contaminated with bacteria. Areas that are affected are the Lower Box Elder System, Sunny View Village, Country View Village, Prairie View Village, and Wild Rose Village.

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

What should I do? What does this mean?

Rocky Boy's Rural Water System (Newtown) experienced a partial loss of pressure in the distribution system on June 19, 2010 which can cause a net movement of water from outside the pipe to the inside through cracks, breaks, or joints in the distribution system that are common in all water systems. Such a system failure carries with it a high potential that fecal contamination or other disease causing organisms could enter the distribution system.

- **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for three minutes, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and good preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.
- 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. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Fecal coliforms and E.Coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, some of the elderly 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 an increased risk should seek advice from their health care providers about drinking potentially contaminated water.

What is being done? New watermains and service lines are being added to re-route water to tanks around the creeks and damaged roads which will restore water to the system. We will inform you when tests show no bacteria and you no longer need to boil your water. We anticipate resolving the problem within four calendar days from this date, June 21, 2020.

For more information, please contact the Tribal Water Resources Department at 395-4225. 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.

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.

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