

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Compton Water Association is a public water system subject to regulation under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Those regulations require the notification of customers whenever a violation occurs, and is the basis for this notice. This water system failed to meet the maximum contaminant level for total coliform in June, 2015.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets drinking water standards and has determined that the presence of total coliforms is a possible health concern. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems. Under this standard, no more than 5 percent of the samples collected during a month can contain these bacteria, except that systems collecting fewer than 40 samples per month that have one total coliform positive sample per month are not violating the standard. Drinking water which meets this standard is usually not associated with a health risk from disease causing bacteria and should be considered safe.

Failure to meet the total coliform standard does not mean that the water is unsafe or that alternate sources of water should be used. The water system has Collected repeat samples and provided a cooler to keep samples from overheating during transport.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, contact the water system at 870-420-3930 or the Engineering Section of the Department of Health at 501-661-2623.