



QUONONCHONTAUG CENTRAL BEACH FIRE DISTRICT

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Dear Greetings!

Repeat water samples taken yesterday revealed E. Coli bacteria in Well #2 and total Coliform in 4 other samples including Well #1 and 3 distribution samples.

The above samples were taken prior to re-chlorination of the wells.

Nonetheless per RIDOH requires QCBFD issue a Boil Water Advisory.

<http://www.health.ri.gov/emergency/about/boilwateradvisories/>

"When E. Coli is found in my drinking water, what does that mean? The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) monitors drinking water throughout the state through regular testing. Sometimes water testing finds E. coli/fecal coliform bacteria in the drinking water supply. E. coli and fecal coliform bacteria indicate that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Drinking water with these wastes can cause short-term illness, such as 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. If this happens, your water system will inform you and we will issue a boil water advisory. A boil water advisory lets people know that they should boil their water for at least one minute, or use bottled water, for drinking, cooking, food preparation, making ice, brushing teeth, bathing children, and washing dishes. In addition, infants and young children should not be bathed in this water because they may accidentally swallow it."

The full RIDOH advisory is on our website and [can be found at this link.](#)

I am still getting information from RIDOH about duration and when the boil water will be lifted as well as the extent of a Level 2 assessment. I will share information as I receive it.

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