

Monitoring Violation Public Notice

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Monitoring Requirements Not Met for EJ Water Cooperative

On 07/15/2026 we became aware that our system recently failed to collect drinking water samples. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did (are doing) to correct this situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During 2nd Quarter(4/1/2026-6/30/2026), we did not complete testing for Total Organic Carbon(Source Water), Total Organic Carbon(Finished Water), and Source Water Alkalinity and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time. The table below lists the contaminants we did not properly test, how often we are supposed to sample for these contaminants, how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we did take, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were, or will be, taken.

Contaminant	Required Sampling Frequency	Number of Samples Taken	When All Samples Should Have Been Taken	When Samples Were or Will Be Taken
TOC (Source)	1 Sample Quarterly	0	4/1/26 - 6/30/26	7/1/26 - 9/30/26
TOC (Finished)	1 Sample Quarterly	0	4/1/26 - 6/30/26	7/1/26 - 9/30/26
Source Alkalinity	1 Sample Quarterly	0	4/1/26 - 6/30/26	7/1/26 - 9/30/26

What is being done?

The laboratory test kit was mishandled and caused the samples to not be collected. We are training our staff on proper handling and storage of lab kits to ensure samples are collected during the appropriate sampling period. Elevated levels of Organic Carbon could likely lead to the development of disinfection byproducts in the water. Prolonged exposure to high levels of disinfection byproducts could lead to illnesses including cancer and reproductive issues. There is no indication of any risk at this time. It is the goal of EJ Water to maintain disinfection byproduct levels below required drinking water standards.

For more information, please contact Doug Baxter, Laboratory Supervisor at 217-925-5566 or dbaxter@ejcoop.com

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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