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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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### TOTAL COLIFORM MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL) VIOLATION

To All Water Users in the Town of Star Valley Ranch  
on February 1, 2010

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. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *Coliforms are bacteria which 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.*

#### What should I do?

**You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice from their health care providers about the drinking water. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

#### What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present.

We have taken the following corrective actions:

- We flushed and are Chlorinating the water system
- We have increased sampling for coliform bacteria

If you have any questions, please contact The Water Department: Yolanda Navarrete at 307-883-8696. If you feel we have not done what is necessary for public safety, or have other concerns feel free to contact: Charla Colson, US EPA Region 8: 1-800-227-8917 (Ext. 6280), or 303-312-6280, for more clarification, and explanation.

Town of Star Valley Ranch Water Department