DRINKING WATER NOTICE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Village of Allen - NE3105101

Nitrate has been measured at a concentration of 12 milligrams per liter (mg/L) in a sample collected from the system on January 14, 2025 for **First Quarter 2025.** This is a violation of the established nitrate maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 10 mg/L.

What Does This Mean?
Adults and children older than six months can drink the tap water (nitrate at this level is a concern for infants because they cannot process nitrate in the same way older children and adults can). However, if you have specific health concerns, you may want to consult a physician.

What Should I Do?
Do NOT allow infants, pregnant women, or nursing mothers to drink the water. Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome. Symptoms in infants can develop rapidly. If symptoms occur, seek medical attention immediately.

Water, juice, and formula for children under six months of age should not be prepared with tap water. Alternate water, such as bottled water or water filtered to remove nitrate, should be used for infants until further testing show results under the MCL.

DO NOT BOIL THE WATER. Boiling, freezing, or letting water stand does not reduce the nitrate level. Excessive boiling can make the nitrate more concentrated because nitrate remains behind when the water evaporates.

What Happened? What Is Being Done?
Nitrate in drinking water can come from natural, industrial, or agricultural sources (including septic systems and run-off). Levels of nitrate in drinking water can vary throughout the year. The system is continuing to test and is working with the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy to return the system to compliance. We will let you know when the amount of nitrate is below the regulatory standard.

Expected Resolution Date: Unknown

Corrective Action: Working with JEO, testing, furnishing water for infants 6 mo. or younger, pregnant women and nursing mothers.

For additional information regarding this notice interested persons may contact:

Operator: Gunner Tracy **Phone:** 402-635-2444

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.