

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
GROUNDWATER RULE: Source Water Tested Positive for E. coli
Lafayette Water Works Well # 14

Our water system detected *E. coli* in our well/s. As our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation. On March 21, 2025, we learned that five (5) of the routine samples collected on March 19, 2025 were total coliform positive. As required by the Groundwater Rule, one of our follow-up steps was to collect sample from the well/s. The sample from well #14 collected on March 31, 2025 tested positive for *E. coli*. We are now conducting the additional sampling of the well/s to determine the extent of the problem and are conducting a thorough investigation to determine the source of the contamination.

What should I do? DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST. Bring all water to a rolling boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using it. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water. You may also use bottled water. Use boiled or bottled water for drinking, making ice, preparing food, and washing dishes until further notice.

Also, if you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice about drinking water from your health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791. If you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean? Inadequately treated or inadequately protected water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms can cause symptoms such as diarrhea, nausea, cramps, and associated headaches. **Fecal indicators are microbes whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause short-term health effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, some of the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems.** These symptoms are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

What Happened? What is being done? Immediately upon learning of the positive sample we shut down well #14 and isolated it from the system. We believe the sample was contaminated during collection or perhaps mishandled by the independent lab that conducted the tests. The samples are taken at the wellhead, which is an outdoor open field where many variables could be present in the environment to cause contamination during sample collection. Following guidance from our regulatory agency, IDEM, we collected five (5) follow-up samples within 24 hours from well #14. All five (5) follow-up samples processed by the independent lab were absent of total coliform or *E. coli*. The sample results from the lab are included on the following page.

We anticipate resolving the problem within: Having collected five (5) passing follow-up samples within 24 hours of notification of the failed sample, Lafayette Water Works well #14 is back in regulatory compliance with IDEM and can resume operation. As of the issuance of this public notice, it is not necessary to boil the water.

For more information, please contact the public water system:

Contact Name: Water Works Superintendent – Steve Moore Phone Number: (765)-807-1700

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.

This notice is being sent to you by [IN5279013 Lafayette Water Works](#)

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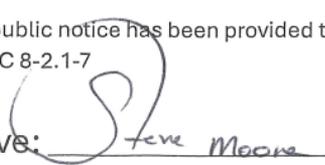
Certification of Public Notice

PWSID#: [IN5279013](#) PWS Name: [Lafayette Water Works](#)

For Situation: Well Tested Positive for E.coli

Occurring on: March 31st, 2025

The public water system indicated above hereby affirms that the public notice has been provided to consumers in accordance with the delivery, content, and format requirements and deadline in 327 IAC 8-2.1-7

Name & Signature of System Representative:  Steve Moore Date: 4-9-2025

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM

Samples will not be analyzed if this form is not complete. Use black ink.

Laboratory, please send a copy to:

Name: Lafayette Water Works
Street: 1020 Canal Rd
City: Lafayette IN ZIP: 47904
Organization telephone number: (765) 807 - 1700

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ANALYSIS DATA - FOR LAB USE ONLY

Lab Sample ID: 68678

TEST RESULTS: Total Coliform

METHOD: MF MPN LST P/A MM P/A MM QT

RESULTS: PRESENT ABSENT Most probable number:

Analyst: NB Date: 04/03/25 Time: 1415

ANALYSIS DATA - FOR LAB USE ONLY

Lab Sample ID: 68679

TEST RESULTS: Total Coliform

METHOD: MF MPN LST P/A MM P/A MM QT

RESULTS: PRESENT ABSENT Most probable number:

Analyst: NB Date: 04/03/25 Time: 1415

ANALYSIS DATA - FOR LAB USE ONLY

Lab Sample ID: 68680

TEST RESULTS: Total Coliform

METHOD: MF MPN LST P/A MM P/A MM QT

RESULTS: PRESENT ABSENT Most probable number:

Analyst: NB Date: 04/03/25 Time: 1415

ANALYSIS DATA - FOR LAB USE ONLY

Lab Sample ID: 68681

TEST RESULTS: Total Coliform

METHOD: MF MPN LST P/A MM P/A MM QT

RESULTS: PRESENT ABSENT Most probable number:

Analyst: NB Date: 04/03/25 Time: 1415

ANALYSIS DATA - FOR LAB USE ONLY

Lab Sample ID: 68682

TEST RESULTS: Total Coliform

METHOD: MF MPN LST P/A MM P/A MM QT

RESULTS: PRESENT ABSENT Most probable number:

Analyst: NB Date: 04/03/25 Time: 1415