

# DRINKING WATER WARNING

The Uriah Heeps 084990002 water system lost pressure in the distribution system

## BOIL YOUR WATER FOR THREE MINUTES BEFORE USING

The upper portion of the Uriah Heeps (084990002) water system experienced low pressure/ water outages starting on on April 10, 2021 and is ongoing. Ute Tribe Water Systems was made aware on April 13, 2021. This is due to current drought conditions in the area, impacting the output of the Uriah Heeps springs. This led to a loss of pressure in the upper part of the distribution system, which may cause backpressure, backsiphonage, or a net movement of water from outside the pipe to the inside through cracks, breaks, or joints in the distribution system that are common in all water systems. Such a system failure carries with it a high potential that fecal contamination or other disease-causing organisms could enter the distribution system. These conditions may pose an imminent and substantial health endangerment to persons served by the system.

### What should I do?

- **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a rolling boil for at least (3) three minutes, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation **until further notice**. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water. ALL STORED WATER, DRINK OR ICE MADE RECENTLY FROM THIS SUPPLY SHALL BE DISCARDED.
- *Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms 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.*
- The symptoms above 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. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

### What happened? What is being done?

**The drought will likely continue through the summer. The Water Systems staff are working on bringing on alternative sources of water to supplement the system. Currently, you can obtain cases of bottled water by calling Water Systems. WS staff are also working on arranging showers at the community gyms.**

We will inform you when you no longer need to boil your water. For more information, please contact **Water Systems** at **722-5176** or **at 988 South 7500 Street East in Fort Duchesne.**

*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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