Elk Grove Water District Had Samples Test Positive for Total Coliform Bacteria

The Elk Grove Water District, in accordance with state law, routinely samples its water system to test for the presence of total coliform bacteria. Total coliform bacteria, which are naturally present in the environment, are generally not harmful. The presence of total coliform bacteria, however, may indicate that other potentially-harmful bacteria may be present.

On May 12, 2015, Elk Grove Water District had water samples test positive for total coliform bacteria, but negative for E. coli bacteria. Elk Grove Water District staff immediately resampled in accordance with drinking water regulations. All resamples were negative for total coliform bacteria. At no time was the public safety of the water system ever compromised. Elk Grove Water District has an excellent record of compliance with drinking water standards. The anomaly of positive-coliform samples was most likely the result of poor sampling conditions and possibly technique.

What should I do?

No action is necessary. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to address this situation.

For more information, please contact Mark J. Madison, General Manager, at (916) 685-3556 or 9257 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove, CA 95624.

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