

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
Disinfection Requirements Not Met
Town of Pe Ell (ID# 66750R) – Lewis County

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this situation does not require that you should take immediate action, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct the situation.

Disinfectant Residual – We routinely monitor for disinfectant residual in the distribution system. This measurement tells us whether we are effectively disinfecting the water supply. Disinfectant residual is the amount of chlorine or related disinfectant present in the pipes of the distribution system. If the amount of disinfectant is too low, organisms could grow in the pipes.

Monthly exceedance – During the month of October 2021, the disinfectant residual concentration was undetectable in more than 5% of samples taken during the month.

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 about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 (800) 426-4791.

What does this mean? This situation does not require that you take immediate action. If immediate action had been required, you would have been notified immediately.

Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as, nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.

The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water but also by other factors. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

What happened? What is being done? Inadequate disinfection was caused by a malfunctioning chlorine pump. The Town has replaced the faulty pump and has purchased a back-up pump for future needs. The system is back into compliance.

For more information, please contact Clerk/Treasurer Oster or Water/Sewer Superintendent Salice at (360)291-3543 or P.O. Box 215 Pe Ell, WA 98572.

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.

<i>(To be completed by Water System)</i>	
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<i>(SEND A COPY OF THIS COMPLETED PUBLIC NOTIFICATION TO: SOUTHWEST DRINKING WATER OPERATIONS; POST OFFICE BOX 47823, OLYMPIA, WA 98504-7823.)</i>	