

VILLAGE OF RANDOLPH

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RANDOLPH, NY 14772

Dear Village of Randolph Water Customer,

On July 6th, 2011 the Cattaraugus County Health Department (CCHD) made the determination that a number of the Village's primary water supply sources are groundwater under the direct influence (GWUDI) of surface water. Federal regulations define GWUDI sources as;

" water beneath the surface of the ground which exhibits significant and rapid shifts in water characteristics such as turbidity, temperature, conductivity or pH which closely correlates to climatological or surface water conditions and/or which contains macro organisms, algae, large diameter (three microns or greater) pathogens or insect parts of a surface water origin."

What does this mean?

Regulatory requirements for treating GWUDI source water are currently not being met. This may result in inadequate treatment of the Village's source water. Inadequately treated water *may* contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. These symptoms, however, 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 is being done?

As you are aware, both the Villages of Randolph and East Randolph will unincorporate on Jan. 1st, 2012 and as of that date, public drinking water will be provided by the Town of Randolph. The Village is currently working with the Town to ensure a smooth transition and adequate treatment of the Village's GWUDI water sources. The Town has hired a consulting engineer, who along with the Town's attorney, officials from the CCHD, and the NYS Department of Health are working to complete the following actions;

1. Preparation of a written plan to be submitted by October 10th, 2011 to the CCHD detailing a course of action to address treatment deficiencies associated with GWUDI sources by January 5th, 2013;
2. Determination of the most cost-effective option for providing adequate treatment;
3. Exploration of potential funding sources for needed improvements and preparation of anticipated grant application materials.

These activities are anticipated to be completed by Jan. 1st, 2012, at which point a schedule for compliance shall be put in place. The schedule for the resolution of the problem will depend on the complexity of the solution.

What should I do?

- 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.
- You do not need to boil your water or provide any additional treatment, unless officially notified by the Village or the CCHD in the future.

However, if you are considering purchasing a home drinking water filter, please be aware that not all filters provide equal or adequate protection. If you have questions regarding home filters you can call the CCHD's Water Resource Specialist at 716-701-3388.

Please share this information with all 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.

For more information, please contact David Fischer, Village Water Supervisor, at 716- 490-0203 or Christopher Crawford, CCHD Water Resources Specialist, at ph#716-701-3388.