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*** DRINKING WATER WARNING ***

<u>Fallston Shopping Center PWSID 1121007</u> at 2106 Fallston Road, Fallston, MD 21047 has drinking water which is contaminated with fecal coliform or *E. coli*

RESTRICT WATER ACCESS, BOIL WATER, AND/OR USE BOTTLED WATER

Fecal coliform [or *E. coli*] bacteria were found in the water supply on April 16, 2018. These bacteria can make you sick, and are a particular concern for people with weakened immune systems.

What should I do?

DO NOT DRINK OR CONTACT THIS WATER. An alternative water source, boiled water and/or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, hand washing, and food preparation **until further notice**.

Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause 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?

Bacterial contamination can occur when increased run-off enters the drinking water source (for example, following heavy rains). It can also happen due to a break in the distribution system (pipes) or a failure in the water treatment process.

Corrective actions being taken:

- 1. This Notice will be posted.
- 2. Water access will be restricted, an alternative water source provided, and/or the existing supply boiled.
- 3. The well will be assessed by a certified well driller for any damage to the well casing.
- 4. Bollard protection will be added around the well.
- 5. The water system will collect several additional samples in April.

We will inform you when tests show no bacteria and when an alternative water source or bottled water is no longer required. We anticipate resolving the problem within a few days.

For more information, please contact Office Manager Nedra Sadera at 410-893-0513 or at the above referenced location. 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.

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 provided to you by the water system operator.

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