

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Due to a violation of Federal and State drinking water regulations, the Town of Randolph Water District is now obligated to provide all water system consumers this public notice every ninety- (90) days until the violation is corrected. Our water system is required to rehabilitate and provide additional filtration treatment for the existing springs, or else abandon them in lieu of developing an additional new well source. By regulation, this work was supposed to be completed by January 2013. Although this situation is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours by Randolph (T) and Health Department authorities. The water supply continues to be disinfected using chlorine, as it has always been.

The following standard advisory is issued by the USEPA: Inadequately filtered spring water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites (i.e. Giardia lamblia or Cryptosporidium) which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches. These symptoms, however, 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 SHOULD I DO? There is nothing you need to do unless you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, or are elderly. These people may be at increased risk and 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 EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. If you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be promptly notified within 24 hours or less.

WHAT IS BEING DONE? An engineering study was completed by the Randolph Village Board in March 2011, prior to the Town forming a district and taking control of both village systems. This report concluded that the old springs and shallow wells on Reservoir Road are directly influenced by surface water. Federal and State regulations then require that the water be filtered. The Town Board then hired their own engineer to develop cost estimates and recommend a preferred alternative for making necessary capital improvements. These estimates were then used to apply for grant and low-interest loan financing through the NY Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program. On October 2, 2012, the Town Board was officially notified that the community qualifies for a \$2 million grant and \$1.74 million in additional loan at 0% interest.

Meters have been installed by <u>SAKS Metering</u> in most residences via Contract #2. Contract #3 - Tank Rehabilitation was completed in August by <u>Statewide Aquastore</u>. The location for the new well site has been identified near the current Church St. Well and the test drilling is complete. This contract was awarded to Moody & Assoc. (Contract #4). **Contract #6- Main Street Water Line Reconstruction was awarded to JD Northrup. They have been replacing line on Main Street between 241 and Spring Street. They have just begun the installation of meter pits on properties that were unable to receive meters in their homes through contract #2. A site for the Larkin Street pump house has been agreed upon and work will be awarded in Contract #5.**

If you have further questions, please contact the Town Hall at 358-9701, or the Cattaraugus County Health Department at 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, public facilities and businesses, etc.). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by the Town of Randolph Water District. NYS Water System ID# 0400348

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