

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**  
**St. George Community Cooperative Water System WSID# VT0005095**  
**Failed to Correct Significant Deficiencies Within the Required**  
**Timeframe**

Our water system recently violated drinking water requirements. Although this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation.

A routine inspection conducted by the State of Vermont on March 4, 2021 found the significant deficiency identified below. As required by Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Ground Water Rule, we were required to take action to correct this deficiency. However, we failed to take action by the deadlines established by the State of Vermont.

Date Identified	Significant Deficiency	Deadline to Correct
March 4, 2021	Storage Tank Vent	July 1, 2021

**Storage Tank Vent** – Under Chapter 21, Appendix A, Part 7.0.10 of the Vermont Water Supply Rule (Rule), “*Finished water storage structures shall be vented. Overflows shall not be considered as vents...*” The Water System’s finished water storage tank does not have a vent installed. This deficiency was initially identified at the July 26, 2018, routine sanitary survey. During the March 4, 2021, routine sanitary survey, it was observed that the deficiency had not been resolved. As of the date of this notice, this deficiency remains unresolved.

**What should I do?**

There is nothing you need to 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 EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

**What does this mean?**

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

Inadequately treated or inadequately protected water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms can cause symptoms such as diarrhea, nausea, cramps, and associated headaches. These symptoms 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?** (MUST be completed before distributing or notice will be incomplete)

The storage tank vent has had the screen replaced and is now in compliance.

For more information, please contact Philip Plourde at 802-777-5704 or  
7937 Route 2A, St. George, Vermont 05495

*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 sent to you by the St. George Community Cooperative Water System. State Water System ID#: VT0005095.

**Certification**

Method(s) of Distribution: email and posting Date Distributed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g. hand or direct delivery, posting<sup>1</sup>, television, radio)

**I James Gascoyne (print name) Certify, as the Responsible Person (or authorized representative) of the water system indicated above, that the public notice has been provided to customers in accordance with the delivery, content, and format requirements and deadlines in the Vermont Water Supply Rule (Chapter 21, Subchapter 21-10).**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Within 10 days of issuance of public notice, send a copy of the notice to:  
Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division, One National Life Drive – Davis 4, Montpelier, VT 05620-3521*

<sup>1</sup> - Community Water Systems may use posting as a second method, but must also use radio, television, or hand or direct delivery.