



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

3/14/2024

PWS # MS0300110
JOSIAH COX
ROUSES
1630 DES PERES RD. STE. 140
DES PERES, MO 63131

RE: PWS # MS0300110– ROUSES

Dear Water System Official:

Based on information we received from our lab, the above referenced public water supply failed to comply with the bacteriological sampling requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act. The law requires that your customers be notified of this violation by **mail or hand delivery** as indicated in the enclosed "Instructions for Bacteriological and Chlorine Monitoring Violations Notice."

If you propose to use a different notice, it must be factual and it must be approved by this Bureau before use. After notification has been given, the attached "Confirmation of Notice" must be completed and returned to the Bureau of Public Water Supply along with a copy of the actual notice used. **The confirmation and copy of the notice must be received within 10 days from the date you notify your customers.**

Since you have more than one violation, we have combined the public notice into one for you.

Failure to give this public notice to your customers is a violation of the Safe Drinking Water Act. If you have questions, you may contact this Bureau at (601)576-7528.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brenda Guthrie".

Brenda Guthrie
Compliance & Monitoring
601-576-7528
brenda.guthrie@msdh.ms.gov



Instructions for Bacteriological and Chlorine Minor Monitoring Violations

You should provide public notice to persons served within 30 days after you learn of the violation.

Community systems **MUST USE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- Hand or direct delivery
- Mail, as a separate notice or included with the bill

In addition, community systems may use *another* method reasonably calculated to reach others if they would not be reached by the first method. Such methods could include newspapers, e-mail, or delivery to community organizations. If you post the notice, it must remain posted until the violation is resolved. If the violation has been resolved, you must post the notice for at least one week. If you mail, post, or hand deliver, print your notice on letterhead.

Include in your notice the standard language for monitoring violations in *italics*. **YOU MAY NOT ALTER THIS MANDATORY LANGUAGE.**

Corrective Actions

In your notice, describe corrective actions you took or are taking. Listed below are some steps commonly taken by water systems with monitoring violations. Choose the appropriate language, or develop your own:

- We have since taken the required samples, as described in the last column of the table above. The samples showed we are meeting drinking water standards.
- We have since taken the required samples, as described in the last column of the table above. The sample for [contaminant] exceeded the limit. [Describe corrective action; use information from public notice prepared for violating the limit.]
- We plan to take the required samples soon, as described in the last column of the table above.

At the bottom of the page include a contact name, phone number, and mailing address for customers with questions. In addition, include the date notice was distributed.

After Issuing the Notice

Send the Mississippi State Department of Health, Bureau of Public Water Supply, a copy of each type of notice and certification that you have met the public notice requirements within ten days after issuing the notice. brenda.guthrie@msdh.ms.gov



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
Monitoring Requirements Not Met for ROUSES**

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Even though this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct the situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a monthly basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During February 2024, we did not complete all monitoring or testing for bacteriological and chlorine and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time.

The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test for, how often we are required to sample, how many samples we are required to take, how many samples were taken, when samples should have been taken, and when samples were or will be taken.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples required	Number of samples collected	When all samples should have been collected
BACTERIOLOGICAL	MONTHLY	1	0	2024-02-29
CHLORINE	MONTHLY	1	0	2024-02-29

What happened? What is being done to correct the violation?

The following specifies the **corrective actions** this public water supply has taken in response to this violation:

For more information, please contact ANTHONY L HALL, Operator, or JOSIAH COX, Legally Responsible Official, at 314-736-4743 or 1630 DES PERES RD. STE. 140, DES PERES, MO 63131.

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 ROUSES. PWS ID# MS0300110

Date distributed: _____

CONFIRMATION OF NOTICE

Mississippi State Department of Health
Bureau of Public Water Supply
P O Box 1700
Jackson, Mississippi 39215-1700

PWS Name: **ROUSES**

PWS ID #: **MS0300110**

For Violation: **Bacteriological & Chlorine Monitoring**

Occurring: **February 2024**

The public water system indicated above hereby affirms that public notice has been provided to consumers in accordance with the delivery, content, and format requirements and deadlines given by method(s) indicated below:

Notice distributed by _____ on _____
(hand or direct delivery) (date)

Notice distributed by _____ on _____
(mail, as a separate notice or included with the bill) (date)

(Signature) (Title) (Date)