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BUREAU OF SAFE DRINKING WATER

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION (PN) CERTIFICATION FORM

Public Water System Name: Freeland Municipal Authority PWSID Number: 2400054

Date of Violation/Situation: May 5, 2025

Description of Violation/Situation: A water main valve top was struck by a backhoe bucket while excavating a test pit. To facilitate the rapair the water main had to be shut down causing a loss of postive pressure.

Notified DEP (or CHD) within 1 hour Date or NA: May 5, 2025

Consulted with DEP within 24 hours Date or NA: May 5, 2025

PN Level: ☒ Tier 1 ☐ Tier 2 ☐ Tier 3

Type of notice addressed by this certification: ☒ Initial ☐ Repeat

Methods and date of public notice deliveries to customers:

Method: Voice Reach Date: May 5, 2025

Method: Freeland Municipal Authority's Website Date: May 5, 2025

Method: Standard Speaker Newspaper Date: May 5, 2025

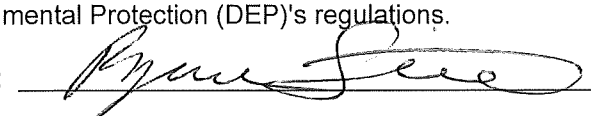
Method: TV - WYLN, FOX56, WBRE, WNEP Date: May 5, 2025

☒ The public notice included the required elements: a description of the violation/situation; potential health effects; the population at risk; if alternate water supplies need to be used; when the violation/situation occurred; when the system will resolve the violation/situation; what is being done to correct the problem; actions consumers can take; water system contact information; and language encouraging broader distribution of the notice.

☒ A copy of each type of notice that was distributed is attached to this certification form

Certified by:

As a representative of the Public Water System (PWS) indicated above, I certify that public notification addressing the above violation/situation was distributed to all customers in accordance with the prescribed content, format, deadlines and delivery requirements outlined in Chapter 25 Pa. Code Chapter 109 Subchapter D of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)'s regulations.

Signature:  Date: May 5, 2025

Print Name and Title: Ryan Smith - Technical Manager

Phone Number: 570-636-1733

Complete and submit this form to your local DEP office **within 10 days** of issuing the public notification described above. DEP District Office and County Health Department contact information can be found within DEP document number 3930-FM-BSDW0560, which can be located by searching for document number 3930-FM-BSDW0560 in DEP's eLibrary at the following link: http://www.depgreenport.state.pa.us/elibrary/Search .

For DEP use only. Checked by: _____ **Date:** _____

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DRINKING WATER WARNING

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

HIERVAN EL AGUA ANTES DE USARLA.
ESTE INFORME CONTIENE INFORMACION MUY IMPORTANTE SOBRE SU AGUA DE BEBER.
TRADUZCALO O HABLE CON ALGUIEN QUE LO ENTIENDA BIEN.

Freeland Municipal Authority **May Be At Increased Risk From Microbial Contamination.**

We routinely monitor the conditions in the distribution system. On May 5, 2025, we experienced a loss of positive water pressure due to failed valve. A loss of positive water pressure is a signal of the existence of conditions that could allow contamination to enter the distribution system through back-flow by back-pressure or back-siphonage. As a result, there is an increased chance that the water may contain disease-causing organisms.

What should I do?

DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST. Bring all water to a rolling boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using; or use bottled water. You should use boiled or bottled water for drinking, making ice, washing dishes, brushing teeth, and food preparation until further notice.

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, but also by other factors. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

Guardians of infants and young children and people at increased risk, such as pregnant women, some of the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems, should seek advice from their health care advisors about drinking this water. 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 happened? What is being done?

A water main valve top was struck by a backhoe bucket while excavating a test pit. To facilitate the repair the water main had to be shut down causing a loss of positive pressure. The valve was repaired, and the water restore with a boil water advisory. The boil water advisory will be lifted as soon as proper testing is completed. Please continue to boil water until further notice.

We will inform you when all corrective actions have been completed and when you no longer need to boil your water.

For more information, please contact: Freeland Municipal Authority
711 Birkbeck St.
Freeland, PA 18224
at 570-636-1733

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 Freeland Municipal Authority.

PWS ID#: 2400054 Date distributed: May 5, 2025