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Cowlitz County: Boil water advisory issued for Carrolls Water

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health urges Carrolls Water Association customers to boil their tap water after their water because system distribution lines were put at risk from contaminants after a loss of pressure.

The state advises that all water used for drinking, brushing teeth, preparing food, washing dishes, and making ice be heated to a brisk boil for one minute and allowed to cool before being used. Residents are also being asked to continue conserving water.

Yesterday, May 8, the water system operator received several complaints from customers who had lost water pressure. The operator traced the problem to a failed well pump.

This small community in southeast Cowlitz County has been under several boil-water advisories during the past year because of water outages and bacterial contamination. The water system, which serves 176 homes, Carrolls Elementary School, and a country store, is currently operating on three wells. In April, Carrolls Waster Association shut down a well that was contaminated with *E. coli*. That well remains out of service.

This boil water advisory will be in effect until the problem is resolved. Currently, the wells and reservoir are being chlorinated, and the water will be tested for bacterial contaminants.

Carrolls Water Association customers who have questions about their water quality may call Columbia Technical LLC at 360-281-2650.

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