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Whatcom County: Boil-water advisory ends for Mt. Baker Water Association

OLYMPIA — A boil-water advisory issued by the Mount Baker Water Association on Oct. 21 is over. Water quality tests show the water is safe to drink.

The association issued the advisory after potentially harmful *E. coli* bacteria were detected during routine water quality testing. The water system serves about 220 homes in a largely rural residential area in central Whatcom County.

The state Department of Health worked closely with the water system's operator to find and eliminate the source of contamination. The likely source was two valves at the base of an offline reservoir that weren't completely closed. The operator has since disconnected the reservoir from the rest of the system and circulated chlorinated water through the system to disinfect it.

There have been no reports of illnesses associated with the water. Residents with questions about their water quality can call 360-592-5137.

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