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## Notice from Rainier View Water Co.

**Keeping You Informed**

**6/1/2014**

**As you may be aware, the water system that provides your service has an intertie with the City of Tacoma. Currently we are receiving less than ½ of 1 percent (.5%) of our water from Tacoma Water; however, Federal Regulations require that we pass on the following notice.**

Important Notice from Tacoma Water:

Your water is safe to drink, and when the Green River Filtration Facility is complete, it will be even better and more reliable. But because the filtration facility was not complete by April 1, 2014 – an unmovable deadline set by the federal government – Tacoma Water has incurred a “treatment technique violation.” This is how we reached this point:

In 2006, when the federal government finalized a regulation requiring us to treat our water for cryptosporidium, we started a thorough process to determine the best course of action. That included detailed water testing for cryptosporidium, testing different treatment options, legal review and extensive public outreach to develop a plan. In the end, we decided filtering water from the Green River was the best way to serve our customers; the Public Utility Board and Tacoma City Council agreed.

That careful evaluation and decision process took 4 years, but we believe it was important to get such a large decision right. Today, the project is about 90% complete and significantly under budget, and will be completed by May 31, 2015. Still, we have missed the April 1 deadline. Although we continue to provide robust disinfection treatment that eliminates risk from bacteria, viruses and all known parasites except cryptosporidium, we must tell you that:

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.

While our monitoring for cryptosporidium found only three organisms between 2001 and 2012, if you are pregnant, have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, or are elderly, and believe that you may be at some risk, please consult your doctor.

We are making every effort to deliver that message to every person who drinks our water. But if you know anyone we missed, especially someone who may not have received this notice directly, please share it individually or by posting this notice in a public place.

**If you have questions or would like more information regarding this notice please contact Scott Hallenberg (Tacoma Water) at 253-502-8215 or at PO Box 11007 Tacoma WA, 98411-0007.**