



STANDARD PUBLIC NOTICE CERTIFICATION FORM

Water Division/Drinking Water & Groundwater Bureau



RSA/Rule: RSA 485:43, RSA 485:3 IV & VII, Env-Dw 800

NOTE: Standard Public Notice Instructions and Guidance and template are found on the pages that follow.

WATER SYSTEM

Public Water System (PWS) Name: Charlestown PWS ID: 0411020

DELIVERY METHOD – CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- Mail delivery.
- Door to door hand delivery.

NON-COMMUNITY SYSTEMS may:

- Post the notice in conspicuous locations throughout the system frequented by persons served by the system.

ADDITIONAL DELIVERY METHODS – CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- Posting on the internet or email broadcast.
- Posting in public places served by the system.
- Publication in a local newspaper or newsletter distributed to persons served by the system.
- Delivery of multiple copies for distribution by customers that provide the water to others, such as apartment building owners, schools or large private employers.
- Delivery of one or more copies to community organizations.
- Delivery to owner or operator of consecutive system.

DISTRIBUTION DATE(S)

10/18/2021

REPRESENTATIVE COPY OF THE PUBLIC NOTICE IS ATTACHED

CERTIFICATION

I certify that public notice has been provided to all consumers, including consecutive public water systems, in accordance with the delivery, content, format and time requirements of NH Admin. Rule Env-Dw 800.

Signature: *Patricia Chaffee* Print Name: Patricia Chaffee Date: 10/18/21

Circle title: Owner, Operator, or Designee

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NOTICE ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Arsenic Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Exceedance

Public Water System Name: Charlestown PWS ID: 0411020

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards.

The Running Annual Average (RAA) calculation represents the average of all sample results collected within a one-year period. Your drinking water RAA calculation is above the enforceable MCL for the following:

Contaminant and MCL	Detected Level	Date Sampled	Running Annual Average	Compliance Period
Arsenic 0.0050 mg/L	.018 mg/L	07/21/2021	.108 mg/L	3 rd qtr 2021
Arsenic 0.0050 mg/L	.009 mg/L	07/21/2021	.0100 mg/L	3 rd qtr 2021

This is not an emergency. If it had been you would have been notified immediately. *Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.*

What should I do? It is not necessary to use alternate water; however, if you have specific health concerns, please contact your health care professional. General health-related questions may be directed to the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Steps being taken to correct the situation: The Town of Charlestown is working on water interconnect to eliminate the North Charlestown well and utilize the large well at Bull Run which has water with no arsenic levels.

Expected Resolution Date: March 2023

Contact Name: Patricia Chaffee Company: Charlestown Water/Wastewater

Address: PO Box 834, Charlestown, NH 03603 Telephone Number: 603-826-5821

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.