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Village Manager's Office

Deerfield Selects Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency (CLCJAWA) as Water Sample Testing Laboratory

Following the August 12, 2013, boil water order the Village of Deerfield began re-evaluating all related practices and procedures. This included researching multiple area Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) accredited laboratories and the Village of Deerfield has decided to utilize the services of the Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency (CLCJAWA), Lake Bluff, as the water sampling laboratory to test the Village's public water supply going forward.

Village Manager Kent Street stated, "Notably, the CLCJAWA laboratory conducts the IDPH certified Colilert test that can confirm Total Coliform and E.Coli in 18 to 24-hours and is preferred to the 48-hour membrane filtration method. In addition, the CLCJAWA laboratory has 12 IDPH certified technicians and is fully staffed 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, including weekends." Mayor Rosenthal said, "We owe it to our residents to use the best testing methods available that will allow us to receive the results more quickly and at a reasonable cost."

The Village's actions continue to be reviewed by the IEPA and we welcome that review. On Friday, September 6, 2013, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Compliance Assurance Section reported that they concur that Deerfield was not aware that the routine distribution coliform samples collected on August 8, 2013, were positive for fecal contamination until August 12, 2013. Therefore, Deerfield will not receive a violation for failure to issue a boil order within 24-hours of notification. If any additional appropriate follow up actions with personnel or procedures are necessary as a result of the IEPA's review, they will be taken and reported.

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