

## WATER DIVISION ADDRESSES TESTING PROCEDURES

The Township Water Division regularly seeks quotations from laboratories for the testing of public drinking water. The company with the low quote, takes samples, performs eight different tests, and reports to the Township. The Township, in turn, is required to report the results to the State of New Jersey and to the residents.

The company under contract during the fourth quarter of 2007 did not complete all the monitoring or testing required for State 1 Disinfection by Products, which requires four samples to be taken quarterly throughout the Township.

**At no time was there was any danger to the residents.**

In November, 2007 the Township bid again for a laboratory to do the sampling of the Township's drinking water, with stricter regulations and penalties for failure to comply with all rules and regulations. Another company was the low bidder and is currently doing the testing.

The State of New Jersey has required the Township to distribute the following statement:

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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER Failure to Comply With a Testing Procedure

The Franklin Township Water Division recently failed to comply with a required testing procedure. Even though this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct the situation.

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 our drinking water meets health standards. During the fourth quarter of 2007 we did not complete all monitoring or testing required for Stage 1 Disinfection by Products, which requires 4 samples to be taken quarterly throughout the Township. However, monitoring required for Stage 2 Disinfection by Products, which requires 8 samples to be taken was performed at that time.

#### What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. You may continue to drink the water and use it for cooking and bathing. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.

#### What is being done?

All Stage 1 and Stage 2 Disinfection by products testing are now being completed in accordance with all Federal, State and municipal rules and regulation.

For more information, please contact Franklin Township Public Works at 732-249-7800.