

# BOIL WATER NOTICE

Coliform Exceedance in Village of Wellsville Water

## BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

**Bring tap water to a rolling boil, boil for one minute, and cool before using** or use bottled water certified for sale by the New York State Department of Health. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, washing dishes, brushing teeth, and preparing food until further notice.

This Boil Water Notice applies to the Village of Wellsville water supply

### What Happened ?

Regular monitoring showed a violation for total coliform and *E.coli* bacteria in your drinking water originally sampled on 09/21/2016.

A repeat water sample collected on 09/26/2016 did not test positive for *E. coli* bacteria, but did test positive for total coliforms. A violation was not triggered until the repeat water sample was collected.

*Coliform bacteria are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that potentially harmful microbes may be present.*

*Harmful microbes in drinking water can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms and may pose a special health risk for infants, some elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. But these symptoms are not just caused by microbes in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you should seek medical advice.*

### What is being done ?

A Level 2 Assessment has been triggered and the Allegany County Department of Health will conduct this assessment in conjunction with the Wellsville Water Department. In order to lift the Boil Water Order, two consecutive days of satisfactory samples must be collected. These samples will be collected on 9/28/2016 and 9/29/2016 by the Village of Wellsville Water Department.

It is likely that you will need to boil water for the next two (2) days until the problem is fixed or the sample results are received. You will be informed when tests show that you no longer need to boil your water.

### For more information, please contact:

*Dana Harris* of the *Village of Wellsville Water Department* at (585) 593-3333.

or the *Allegany County Department of Health* at (585) 268-9250

*Please share this information with other people who drink this water, especially anyone who may not get 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, or posting on a central website.*