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Public Notice

The Town of Ignacio water system received a Tier 2 violation from the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) during the most recent sanitary survey, which occurred on February 14, 2023. The notification of the violation from CDPHE was received by the Town on March 15, 2023. The Violation was issued for not meeting the backflow prevention assembly testing compliance ratio for the year 2022. It is in accordance with regulation 11, Section 11.39(3)(d), that water suppliers ensure that backflow prevention assemblies are tested annually by a certified cross connection technician. In 2022, the required testing ratio was .90, the Town of Ignacio achieved .66, which constitutes a violation to regulation 11, section 11.39(6)(a)(iv). Uncontrolled cross connections can lead to a back pressure or a siphonage event that may allow contaminants or disease-causing organisms to enter the drinking water. Contamination can cause diarrhea, nausea, cramps, and associated headaches. We are not aware of any contamination events caused by a backflow event and we do not have any evidence that the drinking water has been contaminated. To resolve the issue the Town of Ignacio has implemented a new system to track the testing of backflow devices. An updated annual backflow testing report will be submitted to CDPHE demonstrating the compliance ratio has been met. The Town of Ignacio will be submitting this paperwork and returning to compliance by July 13, 2023. 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 public places or by distributing copies by hand.

