

Public Health Advisory – Drinking Water Warning  
Galena WTP2 - GILA

Public Water System ID#: PWSID 360159

## **BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING**

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Drinking Water Program has issued this public health advisory notice for the Galena WTP2 - GILA public water system.

### **What happened?**

The system is performing a scheduled water storage tank (WST) cleaning. A precautionary boil water notice (BWN) has been put in place while WST cleaning is performed and will remain in place until the cleaning is completed and an adequate number of clean total coliform samples have been collected and reported.

### **What should I do? What does this mean?**

**DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for two minutes, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water. Water can be used for handwashing without being boiled.

- *This problem indicates that harmful microbes may be present in your drinking water. Harmful microbes in drinking water can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely compromised immune systems.*
- The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

### **What is being done?**

After the water storage tank cleaning has been completed we will collect three special total coliform bacteria samples and send them to a certified lab for analysis. These samples will help us determine if a problem exists with our water system. If any of the samples are positive for total coliform or E. coli bacteria, we will work to disinfect the water system, flush it, and collect additional samples to verify our system is free from bacterial contamination.

You should not use the drinking water for any potable purpose without boiling it first until further notice. We will notify you when the issue has been resolved and the boil water notice has been rescinded by DEC.

For more information, please contact The City of Galena at 907-353-1301, or the DEC Office at 907-451-2108.

*\*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. \**

This notice is being sent to you by the Galena WTP2 - GILA public water system.

State water system ID# PWSID 360159

Date distributed: 05/28/2025

Public Notice for the Galena WTP2 - GILA

Public Water System (PWSID # PWSID 360159)

# Boil Water Notice

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Drinking Water Program has issued this notice for all users of the Galena WTP2 - GILA public water system.

This boil water notice is being required due to

The system is performing a scheduled water storage tank (WST) cleaning. A precautionary boil water notice (BWN) has been put in place while WST cleaning is performed and will remain in place until the cleaning is completed and an adequate number of clean total coliform samples have been collected and reported.

Water from this system that is used for drinking, cooking, or other potable purposes should be boiled for 2 minutes prior to use. Boiling the water for 2 minutes will help ensure that the water is adequately treated until satisfactory follow-up sampling has been completed and results reviewed by DEC.

Water can be used for handwashing without being boiled.

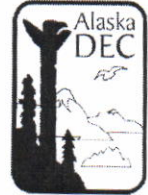
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State of Alaska  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION



Certification of Public Notice

System Name: Galena WTP2 - GILA PWSID: PWSID 360159

For Violation: BWN issued for WST cleaning

Occurring On: 08/15/2024

The public water system named above hereby confirms that Public Notice has been provided to the consumers. Further, the system certifies that the public notice meets the requirements set by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation as required under Article 10 of 18 AAC 80.

Certified by: Name: shanda Huntington

Title: City Manager

Phone: 907-656-1301

Signature:

Date: 5/28/25

The Public Notice was distributed on:

- ☐ Hand delivered to consumers  
☐ Published in the local paper/newsletter  
☒ Broadcasted over the radio/TV  
☐ Broadcasted over the VHF radio  
☒ Posted throughout the community / establishment in conspicuous locations  
☐ Other

at via the following:

- ☐ Mailed to consumers with utility bill  
☐ Mailed to consumers separately  
☐ Sent electronically to consumers  
☐ Included in Consumer Confidence Report

After the Public Water System learned of the violation, Public Notification occurred:

- ☒ within 24 hours (Tier 1 Violation)  
☐ within 30 days (Tier 2 Violation)  
☐ within 12 months (Tier 3 Violation)  
☐ more than 12 months

The Public Notice contained the following (unless otherwise specified in the regulations):

- 1) A description of the violation or situation, including contaminant levels, if applicable.
- 2) When the violation or situation occurred.
- 3) Any potential adverse health effects.
- 4) The population was at risk.
- 5) Whether alternative water supplies should be used.
- 6) What actions consumers should take.
- 7) What the system is doing to correct the violation or situation.
- 8) When the water system expects to return to compliance or resolve the situation.
- 9) The name, business address, and phone number of the water system owner or operator.
- 10) A statement encouraging distribution of the notice to others, where applicable.

Mail, email, or fax this certification form along with a copy of the Public Notice back to the Department when the public notice requirement has been met.

Email Address: DEC.DWData.Fairbanks@alaska.gov

Fax Number: 907-451-2188

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Division of Environmental Health  
Drinking Water Program - Fairbanks  
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Fairbanks, AK 99709-3643