

A Message from Mayor Escapule Regarding Your Drinking Water

A recent posting by the City of Tombstone in regards to water testing was misleading and I would like to explain in detail.

The city hires independent contractors to do the sample collection for the testing of e. coli and other contaminants in our drinking water.

The former water contractor collected and submitted samples to the lab, however, he failed to forward the results to ADEQ for the mandated report. The samples were tested and showed NO coliform or e. coli.

Once the Public works department brought it to my attention that this independent grade water contractor was not submitting the necessary documentation to ADEQ, that organization/individual was relieved of their duties and responsibilities to the City of Tombstone and we subsequently hired Jack Cullum with J&J Waterworks to fulfill that position. Cullum immediately determined that there had been lack of reports submitted to ADEQ which resulted in a notice of violation to the City of Tombstone. The tests were conducted by the lab and had a result of negative or no trace of any coliform and e. coli. The notice of violation was for not filing paperwork in a timely manner, not for having any contaminants in the water.

By state statute Jack Cullum was required to make public notice of the notice of violation for not submitting the report in a timely manner.

We can be sure of what the drinking water results were during 07/01/2018-09/30/2018, because the samples were collected and turned in and came back with NO trace of any contaminants. The only issue was the report was not submitted to ADEQ.

According to Cullum, the Disinfection Byproduct results have been reduced from quarterly to annually due to the good result of testing.

If anyone would like to see the results of these samples, they are on file at Tombstone Public Works office. Jack Cullum has an open door policy and anyone can call him at any time at (520) 559-6471 or email jcullum@jnwaterworks.com.

Our water quality and the safety of the citizens and visitors of Tombstone is top priority and I will continue to assure that Tombstone has excellent water.