





## <u>E. coli</u>

*E.coli* + routine samples require repeat samples to be taken <u>within</u> <u>24 hours</u>.

- If the system can not sample within 24 hours, a boil water notice is required.
- The results of the repeat samples are reviewed to see if an *E. coli* MCL is violated.

E. Coli MCL Violation TC+ RT → EC+ RP EC+ RT → TC+ RP (or EC+) TC+ RT → TC+ RP and E. coli not analyzed EC+ RT → Failure to report all Repeat samples

An <u>*E. coli* MCL violation requires</u> a boil water notice to be implemented within 24 hours. It also requires a Level 2 Site Assessment.

## Key RTCR Takeaways

- 3 repeat samples are required for EACH TC+ sample.
- Repeat samples are required to be collected within **24 hours** of notification <u>unless the system has specific permission from DWGWP to sample according</u> <u>to another schedule</u>.
- Quarterly systems must collect 3 additional routines the month following a TC+ routine sample (unless increased monitoring is triggered).
- Two or more TC+ samples in one month triggers a site assessment.
- Groundwater Systems must collect one triggered groundwater (TG) sample for each well in use at the time of a TC+ routine distribution sample
- E. coli MCL = Boil Water Notice
- E. coli RT+ and system can't take repeats within 24 hours = Boil Water Notice
- Sample according to the system's approve sampling plan
- Sample early in the week and monitoring period wherever possible
- · Contact the State with any questions

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## Acronyms

- RT Routine
- RP Repeat
- TG Triggered Groundwater
- GW Groundwater
- TC Total Coliform
- EC *E. coli*
- MCL Maximum Contamination Level