

# Lower Township MUA

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To our Customers:

The Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority ("LTMUA") is sending the attached notice in Compliance with Federal Safe Drinking Water Regulations.

During 2017 we had three instances where New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") cited us for not collecting or reporting the proper number of samples and not collecting them during the proper month of a quarterly sampling period. The citations did not pertain to water quality and at all times during 2017 drinking water supplied by the LTMUA to its customers complied with all Federal and State standards that pertain to quality. We were cited for collecting 3 more samples than required and incorrectly classifying them. We are not in agreement with their conclusion and are working to change their conclusion. We also were cited for not collecting 8 samples at the proper time. We collected the samples in the second month of a quarterly testing period rather than the first month. These samples were to test for the presence of chemicals that are present as a result of the addition of disinfection chemicals, Sodium Hypochlorite, commonly referred to as Chlorine. These are known as compliance samples. We test the drinking water for chlorine levels at each of our wells, every day, 7 days per week to insure your drinking water is safe. Our testing schedule for 2018 calls for over 7,100 samples to be taken and analyzed.

To insure we fully comply with our Permits we have instituted a triple redundant schedule between our system operator, office staff and Professional Engineer so all parties are monitoring the numerous sampling schedules.

The required notice is formatted and contains language that is required under the Safe Drinking Water Regulations. If you have any questions regarding the notice or the safety of your drinking water please contact us.

Sincerely

Mike Chapman, Executive Director