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BOIL WATER ORDER

Loss of pressure in Varick Water District #4 NY4914541

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

CUSTOMERS OF THE VARICK WATER DISTRICT #4 ARE HEREBY ORDERED BY THE SENECA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO BOIL ALL WATER FOR DRINKING AND CULINARY PURPOSES.

Thomas E. Scoles Principal Sanitarian

On Tuesday 12/12/17 the water system lost pressure due to a break in the water main. When the distribution pipes and mains lose pressure it increases the chance that untreated water and harmful microbes could enter the system.

DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST. Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water certified for sale by the New York State Department of Health. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation **until further notice.** Boiling kills most bacteria and other organisms in the water.

Harmful microbes in drinking water can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, some elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. The symptoms above are <u>not</u> just caused by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advise.

What is being done?

The main is currently under repair. You will be informed when tests confirm that no harmful bacteria are in the system and you no longer need to boil your water.

For more information, please contact the Town of Varick 315-585-6168 or the Seneca County Health Department at 539-1945.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may <u>not</u> 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.

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