



Public Notice Tier 3 Templates

Special Notice for Availability of UCMR Data Template 3-1

Instructions: (template on following page)

Background Information

Public Notice (PN) was mandated by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2000 and applies to all public water systems (PWS): community, non-transient non-community, and transient non-community.

If your PWS was chosen by EPA to monitor under the Unregulated Contaminants Monitoring Rule (UCMR), for example UCMR 3, you must post a special Public Notice within 12 months of receiving the results (310 CMR 22.16(7)). Special public notices of unregulated contaminant monitoring data are different from other public notices because they do not have to contain all the elements required of other types of public notices. Instead, your PWS needs only to report that the UCMR results are available, and provide a phone number or contact where the results can be obtained.

Delivery

If you are a community system, you may use your Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) as a method to provide this special notice. The notice on the following page is appropriate for insertion in your CCR, as long as public notification timing and delivery requirements are met (310 CMR 22.16(4)(d)). If you do not use your CCR to report this special notice, you must use one of the following delivery methods (310 CMR 22.16(4)(c)):

- Hand or direct delivery
- Mail, as a separate notice or included with the bill

If you are a non-community system, you must use one of the following delivery methods (310 CMR 22.16(4)(c)):

- Posting in conspicuous locations
- Hand delivery
- Mail

In addition, both community and non-community systems must use another method reasonably calculated to reach others if they would not be reached by the first method (310 CMR 22.16(4)(c)). Such methods could include newspapers, e-mail, or delivery to community organizations. If you mail, post or hand deliver, print your notice on letterhead, if available.

After Issuing the Notice

Make sure to send your MassDEP Regional Office and your local board of health a copy of each type of notice and a certification that you have met all the public notice requirements within ten days after issuing the notice (310 CMR 22.15(3)(b)). The certification form is available at: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dep/water/laws/i-through/pncert.pdf>.

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Waters-Ekanem, Diversity
Director, at 617-292-5751.
TTY# MassRelay Service
1-800-439-2370.

MassDEP Website:
www.mass.gov/dep

Contact Information

For PN or UCMR support, contact: Program.director-dwp@state.ma.us, Subject: UCMR-PN, or call 617-292-5770.

Note - The EPA/ASDWA Public Notification Handbook provides additional aids to help PWSs develop notices for violation situations. An electronic copy of the Public Notification Handbook is available at EPA's web site (<http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/rulesregs/sdwa/publicnotification/compliancehelp.cfm>). Please note that the EPA/ASDWA Handbook templates are non-state specific so Massachusetts's water suppliers are required to use the Massachusetts' version of the templates for compliance purposes. Electronic copies of the Massachusetts' public notification templates are available on the MassDEP website at: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/drinking/water-systems-ops.html#24>.

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Important Information about Your Drinking Water

Availability of Monitoring Data for Unregulated Contaminants for [System]

As required by US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), our water system has sampled for a series of unregulated contaminants. Unregulated contaminants are those that don't yet have a drinking water standard set by EPA. The purpose of monitoring for these contaminants is to help EPA decide whether the contaminants should have a public health protection standard.

What should I do?

You do not have to do anything but as our customers you have a right to know that these data are available.

You may share this information with other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, food establishments, medical facilities and businesses).

For more information

For additional information on your water and the unregulated contaminants we sampled for, see your water department's Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), or called a water quality report, delivered by your water department by July 1 of each year. If you have any questions about your CCR, see the contact information below for your water department.

For information on the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Program, visit the MassDEP website (<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/drinking/water-systems-ops.html>) and navigate to Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Program.

If you want to speak with someone at the water department about the results, please contact [name of contact] at [phone number] or [mailing address].

This notice is being sent to you by [system].

PWS ID#:

Date distributed:
