DRINKING WATER WARNING

E. coli may be present in the Kenek-McCoy community water system
Precautionary boil water notice

The Public Works Department and the Tribe are not able to ensure that your drinking water is being adequately filtered and disinfected to meet US Safe Drinking Water Act requirements. Pathogenic microorganisms, such as protozoa, viruses and bacteria, can make you sick, and are a particular concern for infants, the elderly, and people with weakened immune systems.

Both filtration and disinfection with chlorine are critical to providing safe drinking water. At this time, we do not have the resources to properly monitor the treatment plant. We are notifying you so you can take proper precautions. The Public Works Department continues to sample monthly for coliforms and E. coli. While recent tests show no presence of coliforms or E. coli, these tests are only done once a month, so there may be other times that pathogens are present.

What should I do? What does this mean?

- **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. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

- *Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely compromised immune systems.*

- The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice from their health care providers about drinking this water.

What is being done?

We are developing a plan to improve oversight of the treatment facilities. We will keep you informed of our progress.

For more information, please contact Dean Baker at 1-707-482-1350 or Attention: Dean Baker PO Box 1027, Klamath, CA 95548]. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not 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.*

This notice is being sent to you by the Yurok Public Works Department. Public Water System ID#: 090600161.