



NEWS RELEASE

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111th Attack Wing

Pennsylvania Air National Guard

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ACTION ITEM: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NOTICE: ON-BASE WATER TEST POSITIVE FOR E. coli

LOCATION: Horsham Air Guard Station, Horsham, Pa.

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On-Base Water Health Advisory; Water test on Horsham Air Guard Station reveals positive indication for E. coli

HORSHAM AIR GUARD STATION, Pa. – A boil-water order is immediately in place for the water supply on Horsham Air Guard Station, Horsham, Pa., after discovering the presence of Escherichia Coli in the on-base water supply.

Base Civil Engineering personnel confirmed the water supplied on Horsham AGS exclusively services the needs of the base and does not affect any surrounding community public water supplies.

The potential for contamination was noted during routine testing on base. Positive indications detected the presence of E. coli from samples taken Sep, 20, 2017 with results confirmed on the evening of Sep. 22, 2017.

No illnesses have been reported in connection with this problem as of press release.

The water supply on base remains on a “do not drink” order since the discovery of PFOS/PFOA contaminants in August 2014. Additional boil water measures are required for non-potable uses such as hand-washing. Bottled drinking water continues to be made available to all on-base personnel.

The bacteria presence may indicate that the water has been contaminated with human or animal waste. Likely health impacts may cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea or headaches. Infants, young children, elderly and those with severely compromised immune systems may be particularly susceptible to these conditions.

Base personnel have been advised to not use the water for making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes or food preparation without bringing the water to a rolling boil and allowed to cool first.

A notice will be released after further testing and approval confirms the boil water advisory has been lifted.

Please contact the Horsham Air Guard Station Public Affairs Office at 215-323-7177 or visit our website at <http://www.111attackwing.ang.af.mil> Community/Enviro tab for further information.

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