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Follow up to an unsatisfactory routine water sample Group B Water Systems

A drinking water sample is unsatisfactory whenever coliform bacteria are present. If your water system receives unsatisfactory sample results, you must collect a set of repeat samples.

Repeat samples confirm the presence or absence of coliform bacteria in the system. If present, sample results can help you find the possible cause of contamination.

You must collect **2-repeat** samples within 24 hours after you learn about the unsatisfactory routine sample result. **Do not** shock-chlorinate the system or source before collecting any samples unless you have prior approval from us.

Review your sampling procedure

Review your sampling procedure to make sure you collect your samples correctly.

Collect repeat samples

You *must* collect **TWO REPEAT** samples for every unsatisfactory ROUTINE sample. Two must come from the following locations:

1. The same tap as the original unsatisfactory routine sample.
2. Source or Well Sample – Before any treatment

Thoroughly inspect your water system

Try to identify potential sources of contamination, such as “openings” in the system or treatment equipment failure. If you find obvious sources of contamination, call us (phone number at top of page).

Call us if:

- You cannot sample as outlined above.
- Any repeat samples are unsatisfactory.

Additional information can be found at:

http://www.co.grays-harbor.wa.us/departments/public_services/environmental_health_division/group_b_water_system.php

Or Web-Search: Grays Harbor County Group B Water Systems