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UNSAFE WATER ALERT

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**[System Name] water is possibly contaminated
with [an unknown substance]**

DO NOT DRINK YOUR WATER

Failure to follow this advisory could result in illness.

An unknown substance has been added to the drinking water supplied by the [Water System Name] due to a recent [intrusion; break-in] at [one of the wells; our treatment plant; storage tank; specific facility]. The California Department of Public Health, [County Name] County Health Department, and [Water System name] Water System are advising residents of [City, Town, System] to NOT USE THE TAP WATER FOR DRINKING AND COOKING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

What should I do?

- **DO NOT DRINK YOUR TAP WATER---USE ONLY BOTTLED WATER.** Bottled water should be used for all drinking (including baby formula and juice), brushing teeth, washing dishes, making ice and food preparation **until further notice**.
- **DO NOT TRY AND TREAT THE WATER YOURSELF.** Boiling, freezing, filtering, adding chlorine or other disinfectants, or letting water stand will not make the water safe.
- **Optional:** Potable water is available at the following locations: [List locations]
Please bring a clean water container (5 gallons maximum capacity).

We will inform you when tests show that the water is safe again. We expect to resolve the problem within [estimated time frame].

For more information call:

Water Utility contact: [Name, title, phone & address of responsible utility representative].

Contra Costa Environmental Health: Timothy Ellsworth at (925) 692-2537

California Department of Public Health – Drinking Water Field Operations Branch- Richmond Office at (510) 620-3474.

This notice is being sent to you by [insert water system name]. California Public Water System ID # [XXXXXXX]. Date Distributed: [date].

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