



Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
Water Protection Program - Public Drinking Water Branch

**Ground Water Rule**  
**Notice of Violation-Public Notice Required**

**Date of Report:** February 23, 2026  
**PWS Name:** LEADWOOD PWS

**PWS ID:** MO4010456  
**County:** St Francois

KAREN NELSON  
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*Please notify us of any name or address changes*

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources did not receive the *Monthly Compliance Monitoring Report for Groundwater Systems* from LEADWOOD PWS for the month of January 2026 by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month. This letter constitutes a Notice of Violation for the following regulatory requirement.

**Violation Type:** 31: Failure to Meet Ground Water Rule Reporting Requirements for the January 2026 monitoring period. This is a violation of Missouri Safe Drinking Water Regulation 10 CSR 60-7.010(1). LEADWOOD PWS failed to report to the department by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month, the effectiveness and reliability of chemical disinfection treatment for the ground water source(s) before or at the first customer every day in January 2026.

**Required Actions:**

1. Conduct and record compliance monitoring data each day the system is serving water to the public and submit monthly compliance monitoring reports to the department by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of each month. Failure to conduct compliance monitoring and submit monthly reports may result in further enforcement action.
2. The following pages give instructions on how to perform public notice and includes a copy of the public notice to distribute, post, and provide to any media.
3. Fill in the appropriate information requested on the certification page and sign where indicated.
4. Make copies of the certification and completed public notice (as seen by the public) for your files.
5. Send the completed certification and a copy of the public notice (as seen by the public) back to the department at the address provided in the enclosed instructions.

**Additional Ground Water Rule Requirements:**

Groundwater systems required by the department to achieve 4-log (99.99%) inactivation of viruses must conduct compliance monitoring to prove 4-log treatment. Groundwater systems using chemical disinfection and serving 3,300 or fewer people are required to monitor the residual disinfectant concentration level at a location approved by the department during the hour of peak flow before or at the first customer. The system must record the residual disinfectant concentration each day that water from the ground water source is served to the public. If any daily grab sample measurement falls below the department-determined minimum residual concentration, the system must take follow-up samples every four (4) hours until the system restores the department-determined minimum residual disinfection concentration.

In addition, ground water systems subject to compliance monitoring requirements must report to the department disinfection information within ten (10) days after the end of each month.

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For assistance, contact the Southeast Regional Office at 573-840-9750 or the Public Drinking Water Branch at 573-526-6925.

Sincerely,

WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Medlock". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Eric Medlock  
Public Drinking Water Branch Monitoring Section Chief

Enclosures

**Community Public Notice Instructions for the  
Ground Water Rule Chemical Treatment  
Monitoring and/or Reporting Violation**

**DNR Notification Date: February 23, 2026**

**Date Public Should be Notified by: March 25, 2026**

**Date Public Must be Notified by: February 23, 2027**

**The notice must be posted for a minimum of seven (7) days or until the violation is resolved, whichever is longer. Send the posted public notification and the certification form back to DNR at the address, email or fax number below within ten (10) days of completion of notifying the public.**

**Overview:** Public water systems must provide public notice in a form and manner reasonably calculated to reach persons served in the required time period. The department provides these instructions, certification (next page) and sample notice (last page) to help systems comply with the Public Notice Rule and ensure the public is duly notified. Upon request to the department, an electronic version of the public notice may be provided to the system.

- A.** The community water system must notify consumers of this violation. Use the following methods:
1. Cities, water districts, wholesalers and large water companies typically publish the notice in a local newspaper of general circulation. Small community systems, such as subdivisions, mobile home parks and apartments, typically post the notice. If the water system maintains a website, this would also be a good place to post the notice. Posting must be on-going for as long as the violation exists. For violations that have been resolved, the minimum posting period is seven days. **And,**
  2. The requirement to mail or hand deliver the notice to all customers may be met by including the notice in the system's annual Consumer Confidence Report.
- B. AFTER** public notice has been made, return a copy of the distributed version of the public notice **and** the completed certification below to:

Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
Water Protection Program  
Public Drinking Water Branch  
Attn: Public Notice Coordinator  
P.O. Box 176  
Jefferson City, MO65102-0176

**YOU MUST SEND PUBLIC NOTICE DOCUMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT TO FULFILL THIS REQUIREMENT. Failure to do so is a violation.** Please submit documentation within seven days of notifying the public. You may fax these documents to 573-751-3110 or email to [DWPublicNotice@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:DWPublicNotice@dnr.mo.gov). Please retain a copy of the completed certification and public notice for a minimum of three years. Complete state regulations for the public notification of drinking water violations can be found in 10 CSR 60-8.010 <http://sl.sos.mo.gov/cmsimages/adrules/csr/current/10csr/10c60-8.pdf>.

If you have any questions about public notice, please contact the Public Notice Coordinator at the Water Protection Program, Public Drinking Water Branch at 573-526-0425. For questions about the violation, you may contact the Southeast Regional Office at 573-840-9750 or Public Drinking Water Branch at 573-751-5331.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

#### LEADWOOD PWS Failed to Meet Chemical Treatment

#### Monitoring and/or Reporting Requirements

*Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.*

Our water system is subject to compliance monitoring requirements under the Ground Water Rule. Our system either failed to monitor and record the effectiveness and reliability of chemical disinfection treatment for each ground water source before or at the first customer every day of the month or failed to report the effectiveness and reliability of chemical disinfection treatment for each day during **January 2026** to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the following month. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct the situation.

**What happened? What is being done?** (Describe corrective action.)

*We failed to meet ground water Rule reporting by 1 day. Report was due 10<sup>th</sup> of month sent on 11<sup>th</sup>*

**What should I do?**

1. For this type of violation, actions such as boiling drinking water are not deemed necessary for the general population. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult with your doctor.
2. People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

**What does this mean?**

This is not an emergency. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours. Inadequately treated or inadequately protected water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms can cause symptoms such as diarrhea, nausea, cramps, and associated headaches. While we have not detected any evidence of contamination in our source water, we have failed to meet Ground Water Rule monitoring requirements.

For more information, please contact water system staff indicated below:

*Kara Nelson* at *573-366-9919* or *504 Main Street Independence*  
(name of water system contact) (phone number) (mailing address)

*Additionally, you may contact the department's Southeast Regional Office at 573-840-9750 or Public Drinking Water Branch at 573-526-6925.*

*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 public notice is for LEADWOOD PWS.  
State Water System ID#: MO4010456.