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Dear RWA Member

One of the requirements the Washington State Department of Health (WAC 246-290-490) regulations impose on all water purveyors is that they have a program for identifying and eliminating cross connections to the potable water system.

A cross connection is any actual or potential link between the water system and any other liquid or gas. While most of us think of our water as always being under pressure and therefore flowing in only one direction, a drop in pressure caused by a line break, a repair project, or fire hydrant use can cause a reversal of flow that could pull or siphon unwanted material into the water system. There have been incidents in water districts where soapy, dirty water from a car was contaminated the water for several blocks; where antifreeze from an air conditioner contaminated a school water system' and where pesticides were back siphoned into 14 homes because a garden hose was place in the mixing barrel.

Roosevelt Water's goal is to assure all our residents of safe drinking water and we believe that a program to identify and eliminate any possible cross connections is important. We want to assure our customers that the very last user on our lines has water that is just as safe as the very first user and that nothing has entered the system in between.

To assist in establishing a cross connection control program we will be conducting surveys and inspections within the water district. We have enclosed a questionnaire which will assist us in determining possible hazards. If potential backflow conditions are found, residents will be asked to install state approved backflow assemblies. These assemblies then need to be tested each year to ensure they are operating correctly by a certified back flow assembly tester. The tester will then submit a written test report to RWA. Roosevelt Water Association, Inc. asks this test be done by April 30th of each year.

A good cross connection program is essential to assure the safety of the drinking water supply. We thank you for assisting us with this program. If you have any questions regarding cross connection control, please call us. Also for more information go to our website RooseveltWater.com and click on Cross Connection.

Sincerely

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