

INCIDENT: Water Contaminated with E. coli
LOCATION: Cooke City Water District, Montana
SOURCE: Cooke City Water District
DATE OF INCIDENT: 6/15/2009

E. coli bacteria (a fecal indicator) were found in the water supply on June 15, 2009. These bacteria can make you sick, and are a particular concern for people with weakened immune systems. Bacterial contamination can occur when increased run-off enters the drinking water source (for example, following heavy rains). It can also happen due to a break in the distribution system (pipes) or a failure in the water treatment process.