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Boil Order Issued for South Duchesne Culinary Water after tests detected coliform bacteria

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has issued a [boil order](#) for all homes served by the South Duchesne Culinary Water (SDCW) company. Multiple tests detected coliform bacteria in its drinking water supply.

The order requires SDCW to notify its customers to boil their water before using it for drinking, preparing food or brushing teeth. Residents have been on a boil advisory since Nov. 8 after a report of an illness.

DEQ's Division of Drinking Water (DDW) have regularly monitored this system. Several water samples taken last week confirmed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The samples tested negative for *E. coli*. DDW staff conducted an onsite investigation and took additional water samples today, November 22, 2019.

“We are taking this action to proactively protect the health of the community,” said Marie Owens, drinking water director. “DDW has identified several potential risks to the drinking water. We will continue to work with the water system to resolve the issues as quickly as possible.”

South Duchesne Culinary Water company purchases treated and chlorinated water from a local wholesaler. Recent contamination to the SDCW system could be linked to several water line breaks or other failures. South Duchesne Culinary Water company is unapproved by state regulators and under a compliance agreement and enforcement order with DDW.

For information on what to do during a boil order, visit: <https://deq.utah.gov/drinking-water/faq-boil-water-order>

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