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Blue Ridge Mobile Home Park Water Use Advisory

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has advised Blue Ridge Mobile Home Park, located in Payne County, to inform consumers of its drinking water to use bottled water or another acceptable source for human consumption or use in food preparation due to the presence of *E. coli*. Due to elevated levels of nitrates in the public water supply in this area, DEQ does not advise boiling the water.

Nitrates are considered a health risk for children under six-months-old and women who are pregnant. More information on nitrates is available at <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/factsheets/water/bluebaby.pdf>.

This water use advisory will remain in effect until the water system ensures that chlorination can be adequately maintained and that, if necessary, any required corrections to structural systems or operational practices have been made. DEQ will require that proper testing of water samples indicates the water to be free from *E. coli* before suspending this advisory.

Federal law requires that consumers be notified when a public water supply exceeds certain maximum contaminant levels and might be harmful to the health of consumers.

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