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**South Central Public Health District advises Lincoln and Gooding county residents to avoid the use of untreated well water.**

South Central Public Health District is advising residents of Lincoln and Gooding Counties to avoid the use or consumption of untreated well water due to a possible contamination of the local aquifer.

Based on preliminary reports from the Idaho Department of Agriculture, contaminants may have infiltrated the aquifer through the canal system near 8 Mile Road and 720 N in Lincoln County. The source of the contamination is under investigation.

Residents within 10 miles of the infiltration site are advised find alternative sources of drinking and bathing water.

Residents have reported foul smelling and discolored tap water. Inspectors from the Department of Agriculture have taken samples from area wells. The sample are being processed by a local laboratory. Preliminary results will not be available until Thursday afternoon.

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