

## Notice of Preliminary Findings

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**Facility Name:** Republic County Rural Water District 2

1903 North Street, Post Office Box 501

**Facility Address:** Belleville, Kansas 66935

**EPA ID #:** KS2015711

**Date:** November 4, 2025

This notice is provided to call your attention to the following preliminary findings regarding state and federal regulations. This notice does not constitute a compliance order and may not be a complete listing of all findings resulting from the inspection.

| <b>Area of Inspection</b>          | <b>Description of Finding</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Source Water (1-5)                 | 1) Corrosion of piping of the South Well (Well #3). Ensure painting of pipe surfaces is conducted and consider dehumidification in the well house to prevent corrosion of piping.<br>2) Threaded sample points on South Well<br>3) Tall vegetation surrounding the North Well (Well #4)<br>4) Large crack in the concrete well pad of North Well<br>5) Pressure gauge inoperable on North Well |
| Finished Water Storage (6-11)      | 6) Exterior paint peeling of the 81 Tower<br>7) No splash pad under the overflow of 81 Tower<br>8) Overflow not extended to 12-24" above ground at the Francis Tower and Norway Tower<br>9) Cracking of concrete based of the Francis Tower, Norway Tower, and Narka Tower<br>10) Leak noted in the altitude valve pit of the Cuba Tower                                                       |
| Cross Connection Program (11)      | 11) Develop a list of high hazard connections (if any) served by the District to include types of hazards listed in "Section IV. Survey and Investigations" of the District's Cross Connection Ordinance. Track installation, testing, and inspections of connections with backflow prevention devices.                                                                                        |
| Management and Operation (12 & 13) | 12) Water loss calculation greater than 15% (53% in August 2025) – The District should account for and track all unsold water usage (pump to waste, unmetered water usage, plant usage, etc.) and incorporate into water loss calculations.<br>13) Continue activities to identify "Lead Status Unknown" service connections identified in the Initial Service Line Inventory.                 |

As a continuation of the inspection performed at the system, the system is asked to submit a written response within 14 calendar days of receipt of this notice. The response should include a description of any corrective actions taken and/or a schedule for completing any associated corrective actions. The response should be submitted to: [tipton.lantz@epa.gov](mailto:tipton.lantz@epa.gov)

Or by mail to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Region 7, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division (ECAD)  
11201 Renner Boulevard, Lenexa, Kansas 66219  
Attention: ***Lantz Tipton, Physical Scientist, ECAD/WB***

If you have any questions about this Notice or wish to discuss your response, you may contact me at  
**913 551 7892** or [tipton.lantz@epa.gov](mailto:tipton.lantz@epa.gov)

This Notice Prepared by ***Lantz Tipton, Physical Scientist*** Date: ***November 5, 2025***

The undersigned Person hereby acknowledges that he/she has received a copy of this Notice and has read same.

**Printed Name:** **Brian Stindt**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** **Chairman – Republic County RWD 2 Board of Directors**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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