# 15-Minute Water Contamination Drill

This is an exercise.

You are the Supervisor or Charge Nurse of your Department in your facility.

Your facilities/maintenance department just informed you that the water coming into the facility has been contaminated. The city estimates that it will be 24-48 hours before the water will be safe to use again.

## What would you do?

1. Who has been notified?
2. How do you stop residents from using the toilets, drinking water and hand washing?
3. What are your alternatives to toilets? (Facilities)
4. How much bottled water do you keep on hand?
5. Where do you get additional water?
6. What are you going to use for resident bathing?
7. How much hand sanitizer is available for staff and resident use? Where do you get more?
8. What about meals? How will they be prepared and served? (Dietary)
9. How is water safety assured once city says it’s okay to use? Do you flush all pipes and change out filters? What else needs to be done? (Facilities)
10. What are your greatest concerns?

Note: This could expand into a longer tabletop exercise, if desired.

## After action review (AAR) questions to ask:

These questions establish a common understanding of the real situation that occurred or for the exercise scenario presented. The facilitator should encourage and promote discussion around these questions. The differences should be explored:

1. What was supposed to happen?
2. What actually did happen?
3. Why were there differences?

These questions generate reflection about the successes and failures during the event or exercise:

1. What worked? (Identify 3 successes)
2. What didn’t work? (Identify 3 opportunities for improvement)
3. Why?

This question is intended to help identify specific actionable recommendations. The facilitator asks AAR participants for clear, achievable and future-oriented recommendations. Include the successes and improvements from above questions in your AAR:

1. What would you do differently next time?

\*\*\*\*See AAR Report template on next page\*\*\*\*

# After Action Report

Date:

Names of staff participating in this discussion:

STRENGTHS   
List strengths here.

AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT   
List Areas of Improvement here.

RECOMMENDATIONS  
List Recommendations here.

CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS  
Insert Conclusion here, who will address issues and what is the timeline for changes.