

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

ESTE INFORME CONTIENE INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE ACERCA DE SU AGUA POTABLE. HAGA QUE ALGUIEN LO TRADUZCA PARA USTED, O HABLE CON ALGUIEN QUE LO ENTIENDA.

Haines-Aaronsburg Municipal Authority Did Not Meet Treatment Requirements

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor your water for turbidity (cloudiness). This tells us whether we are effectively filtering the water supply. Our monitoring indicated an elevated turbidity level on the source water supplying our treatment plant.

What should I do?

You do not need to boil water or take actions. We do not know of any contamination, and none of our testing has shown disease-causing organisms in the drinking water.

People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

What does this mean?

Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites, which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. These symptoms are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

What happened? What is being done?

A problem occurred with the treatment system at the water plant. Slight increase in source water turbidity following a heavy rainstorm event which exceeded the limits set by PADEP but did not reach the set points to cause the treatment plant to shutdown. This condition was noted by the plant operator and notification as required was made to PADEP officials. Directive from official was to monitor turbidity readings to determine if condition was improving. The finished water turbidity was slightly elevated for a short period of time but has since returned to pre rain event levels and is within limits set by PADEP.

We anticipate resolving the problem by The problem has self corrected after a brief time period with no changes made to treatment process.

For more information, please contact CH Valentine, System Operator at 814.349.5087.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by Haines-Aaronsburg Municipal Authority.

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