

DRINKING WATER WARNING

Butler Water Department has high turbidity levels

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

We routinely monitor your water for turbidity (cloudiness). This tells us whether we are effectively filtering the water supply. A water sample taken March 2, 2015 showed turbidity levels as high as 4.17 turbidity units. This is above the standard of 1.0 turbidity units. Because of these high levels of turbidity, there is an increased chance that the water may contain disease-causing organisms.

As the result of a failure of the automatic control for the raw water supply valve, an unusually high flow of water was pushed through the treatment plant. This increased flow caused high turbidity to be forced through our filtration units.

What should I do? What does this mean?

- **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.
- **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.**
- The symptoms above 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. People at increased risk should seek advice from their health care providers about drinking this water.

What is being done?

The problem was immediately corrected and the turbidity levels were returned to compliance shortly after the occurrence. Higher levels of chlorine were maintained during the entire event to help decrease any chance of contamination. Within the next 24 hours, chlorine and turbidity levels will be monitored in the distribution system, and total coliform bacteria samples will be taken and analyzed by our certified laboratory. The results of these tests should be received by Wednesday afternoon. We will inform when you no longer need to boil your water.

For more information, please contact Keith Smith, Licensed Operator at 973-838-7200 x. 413. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

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.

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