

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
Nowata Municipal Authority Failed to Maintain the Required Level of Treatment

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. Although this was not an emergency and does not require you to take immediate action, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do and what is being done to correct the situation.

Cryptosporidium is a disease-causing microorganism that has been found in our raw water source. Our water system, Nowata Municipal Authority, was required to maintain a specified level of additional treatment to address *Cryptosporidium*. During January 2017 through December 2017, our system fell below this level.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking the water. 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?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. *Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.* These symptoms, however, are not caused only by organisms in drinking water, but also by other factors. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

What happened? What is being done? When will the violation be resolved?

The Water Treatment Plant Operators have made adjustments to the Water Treatment Plant, and are continuing to sample and monitor the turbidity levels in the drinking water to ensure that the municipal water is safe and fresh for all it customers.

For further information contact:

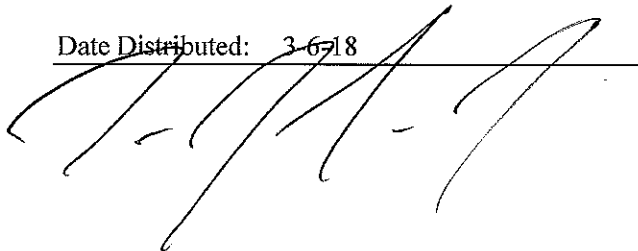
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Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this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

This notice is being sent to you by Nowata Municipal Authority

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