

DRINKING WATER WARNING



_____ [System] has high chlorine dioxide levels

**PREGNANT AND NURSING WOMEN
AND YOUNG CHILDREN
SHOULD NOT DRINK THE WATER**

Results for samples collected from the water plant and in the distribution system on _____ [dates] showed chlorine dioxide levels of _____ [level and units]. This is above the standard, or maximum residual disinfectant level (MRDL) of 0.8 milligrams per liter. Chlorine dioxide is used for disinfection, but too much of it over a short period of time may harm children, infants and fetuses.

What should I do?

- **DO NOT USE THIS WATER IF YOU ARE PREGNANT OR NURSING OR GIVE IT TO YOUNG CHILDREN. Bottled water should be used until further notice.** *Some infants and young children who drink water containing chlorine dioxide in excess of the MRDL could experience nervous system effects. Similar effects may occur in fetuses of pregnant mothers who drink water containing chlorine dioxide in excess of the MRDL. Some people may experience anemia.*

The chlorine dioxide violations reported today include exceedances of the EPA standard within the distribution system which delivers water to consumers. Violations of the chlorine dioxide standard within the distribution system may harm human health based on short-term exposures. Certain groups, including fetuses, infants and young children, may be especially susceptible to nervous system effects from excessive chlorine dioxide exposure. There are no obvious symptoms, but chlorine dioxide can affect development of the nervous system.

- Bottled water should be used to prepare juice and formula for young children and pregnant and nursing women.
- Adults who are not pregnant or nursing and older children can drink the tap water because their nervous systems are already developed. However, if you have specific health concerns, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? What is being done?

Chlorine dioxide is used in small amounts every day to kill bacteria and other organisms that may be in your drinking water. A problem occurred with our chlorine dioxide generator, and too much chlorine dioxide was released. We are investigating and taking the necessary steps to correct the problem as soon as possible.

For more information, please contact _____ at _____ or _____ .
name of contact phone number mailing address

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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