

DRINKING WATER NOTICE

Waynoka Regional Water and Sewer District Did Not Meet Treatment Requirements

Waynoka Regional Water and Sewer District routinely monitors its water for turbidity (cloudiness). This tells us whether we are effectively filtering the water supply. Water samples for August 2022 showed that 25.8 percent of turbidity measurements were more than 0.3 turbidity units. The standard allows no more than 5 percent of samples to exceed 0.3 turbidity units per month. The turbidity levels are relatively low. However, their persistence is a concern.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil the water or take other 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 people may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

What does this mean?

- *This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. 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.

What is being done?

**Waynoka is currently being served water by Brown County Rural Water Association. We are investigating and taking the necessary steps to correct the problem as soon as possible. The WRWSD had shut down the water production operations on 2 September 2022 before becoming aware of any violations. We had hired an independent contractor to perform an inspection of our operation and recommend corrective action for any issues discovered. Our contractor will now be working directly with the Ohio EPA correcting any and all issues identified. The water plant will not be brought back into production before we and the Ohio EPA have 100% confidence in our operation.

For more information, please contact:

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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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