

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Krebs Utilities Authority Did Not Meet Treatment Requirements

Our Water System recently violated drinking water requirements. Although this was not an emergency and does not require that you take immediate action, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do and what we have done and are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor your water for turbidity (cloudiness). This tells us whether we are effectively filtering the water supply.

- Water samples for May 2021 had four results above 5 NTU.
- Water samples May 2021 and September 2021 showed that eight percent (8%) of turbidity measurements were over 0.3 turbidity units – the standard is that no more than 5 percent of samples may exceed 0.3 turbidity units per month

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, 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.

Water 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. These symptoms are not caused only by organisms in the 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?

In May of 2021 a tornadic storm system knocked the power out and caused the basement to flood damaging most of the pumping and chemical feed equipment. A precautionary boil order was issued while the equipment was being replaced. In September of 2021 an algal bloom in the source water caused the flocculant chemicals to become ineffective. The local chemical supply company was contacted to carry out testing and a new chemical was chosen that was more effective. For more information please contact Krebs City Hall at 918 423-6519

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