

Drinking Water Warning

DO NOT DRINK THE WATER

Drinking water with manganese concentrations of 1000 micrograms per liter or greater pose an immediate health risk. A sample collected on 11/10/2020 had a concentration of 1100 micrograms per liter and a sample collected on 11/25/2020 had a concentration of 1100 micrograms per liter resulting in an average concentration of 1100 micrograms per liter. Water at this establishment contains manganese exceeding U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) health advisory level of 300 micrograms per liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$). Manganese levels in well water vary throughout Wisconsin and are typically below 50 $\mu\text{g/L}$.

What precautions should be taken at this time?

- **DO NOT DRINK THE TAP WATER - USE ONLY BOTTLED WATER.** Bottled water should be used for all drinking (including baby formula and juice), making ice, brushing teeth, and food preparation.
- **DO NOT TRY TO TREAT THE WATER.** Boiling, freezing, filtering, adding chlorine or other disinfectants, or letting water stand will not make the water safe to use.

What does this mean?

Water from this facility can be used for washing and cleaning laundry and dishes. According to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, manganese above the US EPA health advisory level is an acute hazard for infants younger than 6 months and adults over the age of 50. People of all ages are urged to avoid long-term consumption of high manganese water because it is linked to some chronic diseases, according to Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Manganese is a common element found in minerals, rocks, and soil. It is also a normal part of a healthy diet but can be harmful if consumed in excess. Manganese is found naturally in groundwater, but levels can be increased by underground pollution sources. Manganese may become noticeable in water at levels greater than 50 micrograms per liter of water ($\mu\text{g/L}$). At this level, the water will have a brown color and leave black deposits on bathroom fixtures.

What is being done to correct the problem?

We are evaluating the following options to meet the US EPA Health Advisory Level:

options are being discussed

If you have questions regarding the safety of our drinking water, please contact:

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I certify that the information and statements contained in this public notice are true and correct and have been provided to consumers in accordance with the delivery, content, format, and deadline requirements in Subchapter VII of ch. NR 809, Wis. Adm. Code.

Darlene Wurdrow
Signature

12/8/2020
Date

Tier 1 Notice

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