

## DRINKING WATER NOTICE

### Oberlin Water Department PWS Did Not Meet Treatment & Notification Requirements

We routinely monitor our water for turbidity (cloudiness). This tells us whether we are effectively filtering the water supply. A water sample taken on March 5, 2024 showed turbidity levels of 1.67 nephelometric turbidity units. This is above the standard of 1.0 nephelometric turbidity units. The result of the next water sample collected immediately following this exceedance was compliant with turbidity standards.

Additionally, we failed to properly notify Ohio EPA as soon as practical but no later than 24 hours after the exceedance is known, as required by OAC Rule 3754-81-75(E) and OAC Rule 3745-81-32(B). We notified Ohio EPA on March 6, 2024; however, we failed to properly notify Ohio EPA as soon as practical and within twenty-four hours as required by rule.

#### What Should I Do?

**You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

- Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. 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. 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.
- 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.

#### What is being done?

The Oberlin Water Department believes the turbidity sample that triggered this violation was a result of a deposit breaking off the piping in the equipment that automatically tests the water. The 95 other turbidity samples taken on March 5 were all below the 1.0 turbidity standard. After this occurrence, the sampling apparatus was replaced or cleaned. Protocol is now in place to prevent deposits from building up on the piping. These steps will ensure adequate treatment and monitoring will continue to be performed in the future, and that Ohio EPA will be contacted as required.

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