

Manganese Drinking Water

Advisory Update

In August 2014, we issued a detailed Drinking Water Advisory concerning manganese levels in our drinking water in excess of the 0.3 milligrams per liter (mg/L) health advisory level. The health advisory stated that our drinking water should not be used to prepare infant formula for more than 10 days throughout the year or be served to infants less than 1 year in age. Other consumers of our water were cautioned about drinking water with manganese concentrations at or above 0.3 mg/L over their lifetimes, (please refer to the August 2014 health advisory). **These recommendations remain in effect until further notice.**

We are making progress towards the design and installation of a treatment system to lower manganese levels consistently below the health advisory level. We have submitted a Preliminary Plan to MassDEP and have reviewed treatment options. We have additional water quality samples to distribution system, but acknowledge that manganese has been historically been in the range of 0.3-0.35 mg/L range. We will resume quarterly sampling for manganese as required by MassDEP and will continue to collect other water chemistry samples to ensure design of effective treatment. At this point, we anticipate installing a treatment system in 2017. We will provide you with updates until the system has been installed and determined by MassDEP to be effective. If you have questions concerning this update, please contact Wayne Hutkoski, Water Superintendent, at (413) 665-3080 or h2oman123@comcast.net or Whately Water Dept. 4 Sandy Lane, South Deerfield MA. 01373.

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