DRINKING WATER NOTICE

Mahoning Valley Sanitary District Did Not Meet Treatment Requirements

In order to ensure proper disinfection, water in the treatment plant must be in contact with chlorine or a similar disinfectant for a minimum amount of time. On July 15, 2026, this did not occur.

Although chlorine quickly kills most bacteria, it is less effective against organisms such as viruses and parasites. For this reason, water needs to mix with chlorine for a longer time period to kill such organisms. The amount of time necessary, or the contact time, depends on the amount of disinfectant in the water, and the pH and temperature of the water.

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.

- *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?

On July 15th, 2026, there was an approximately 15-minute interruption of the chlorine feed at the primary feed point. This interruption was corrected promptly by plant staff. Upon further review and discussion, it was determined that an injector stopped functioning properly. All the chlorine feed equipment has been inspected and reviewed by plant maintenance staff and is working within normal parameters.

The Mahoning Valley Sanitary District (MVSD) has taken additional steps to safeguard against this occurring again. These safeguards include adding additional audible and visual alarms, adjusting operational response, and providing more situational guidance to the operating staff.

For more information, please contact Darren Biggs (name of contact) at 330-824-2402 (phone number) or 1455 Salt Springs Rd. Warren, OH 44481 (mailing address)

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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