

Important Information about your Drinking Water

Levels of Gross Alpha, Excl. R & U in Winneconne Waterworks Water Exceed Standard

Water samples collected to determine compliance with the Gross Alpha, Excl. R & U Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 15 pCi/L indicate our drinking water exceeds the MCL, which is a violation of State and Federal Safe Drinking Water standards. Samples collected on the following dates with the following results were used in making this determination:

December 17, 2020 – 15.8 pCi/L	October 12, 2022 – 13 pCi/L	January 24, 2024- 20 pCi/L
February 4, 2021 – 8.97 pCi/L	February 6, 2023 – 29.2 pCi/L	September 25, 2024- 4.32 pCi/L
June 2, 2021 – 16.87 pCi/L	May 23, 2023 – 32 pCi/L	October 3, 2024- 8.34 pCi/L
July 12, 2021 – 21.93 pCi/L	July 14, 2023 – 16.3 pCi/L	
September 6, 2022 – 0 pCi/L	October 5, 2023 – 20.9 pCi/L	

What precautions should be taken at this time?

You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately.

However, you should be aware of the following: Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

We are required to provide this notice once every three months until the issue has been resolved.

What is being done to correct the problem?

A Preliminary Engineering Report evaluating alternatives for Gross Alpha removal was submitted to the DNR. Following this, a pilot study of reverse osmosis (RO) treatment was conducted, and the corresponding report was approved by the DNR. McMahon Associates, Inc. is currently under agreement with the Village to design improvements for the Well #2 Facility, which will include new RO treatment for both Well #1 and Well #2 supplies. The RO construction project at Well #2 began in August 2023, with startup completed in February 2024. On April 9, 2024, we received approval to pump treated water into the distribution system. In late March, work commenced at Well #1 to enable its water to be pumped and treated at the Well #2 site. Well #1 was back online on September 23, 2024. This notice will remain in effect until four consecutive quarters of testing show levels below 15 pCi/L.

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.

X Eric Voigt

12/13/2024

Signature

Date

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