

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Bryan Co. Rural Water Dist. #2 Did Not Meet Treatment Requirements. Our water system recently violated drinking water requirements. Although this was not an emergency and does not require that you take immediate action, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do and what we have done to correct this situation. We routinely monitor your water for turbidity (cloudiness). This tells us whether we are effectively filtering the water supply. During the month of January 2016, one (1) sample was above the standard of 1 turbidity units. Because of these high levels of turbidity, there is an increased chance that the water may contain disease-causing organisms. **What does this mean?** This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease causing organisms. The organisms include bacteria, viruses and parasites, which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches. These symptoms are not only caused by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. **What should I do?** There is nothing you need to do. **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.** However, if you have specific health concerns, a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. **What happened? What is being done?** **When will the violation be resolved?** During the overnight hours on January 15, 2016, our T-2 Water Plant failed to successfully maintain the necessary sludge blanket in order to properly filter our surface water. The blanket "blowout" sent sludge into our filters, causing blockage and eventually a breakthrough, sending turbid water to our clear well reservoir. This incident was reported on our January 2016 Monthly Operational Report to the Dept. of Environmental Quality, as well as having a turbidity trigger form filled out and sent in along with the MOR. Since this time, there have been significant upgrades to our treatment plant facility, as well as improved monitoring by way of internet telemetry and personnel changes to ensure that these issues are better monitored.

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. For further information, please contact Mgr Regina Clinton at (580) 924-8517 or P. O. Box 119, Mead, OK 73449. This notice is sent to you by Bryan Co. R.W.D. #2, PWSID #OK1010604, NOV #P-1010604-17-1 on January 31, 2017.

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