DRINKING WATER NOTICE

The City of Van Wert Did Not Meet Monitoring & Reporting Requirements

• We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminates on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. The City of Van Wert did not meet monitoring and reporting requirements for parameters necessary to determine its chlorine contact time or CT value when the continuous disinfection monitoring equipment failed to record the chlorine residual from January 14, 2024 through 29 February, 2024. CT testing is necessary to ensure the inactivation of microorganisms. We therefore cannot be sure of the quality of you drinking water during that time.

What Should I do?

• There is nothing you need to do at this time. You do not need to boil your water or take corrective action.

What is being done?

 Tuesday morning, Donald Lippi was made aware of a recording problem that started Saturday night and took corrective actions immediately, in an effort to resolve this problem as soon as possible. The equipment never stopped monitoring Chlorine continuously, it stopped <u>recording</u>. Unfortunately, working through the equipment supplier & Tech support, the equipment was not recording until February 29, 2024. The only days that the continuous analysis was not handwritten down were January 14th and 15th. Van Wert Water was able to figure CT per Standard Operational Procedure the remainder of this time. I cannot tell you that we have taken steps to ensure adequate continuous monitoring recording will be performed in the future. This issue may happen again due to Automation circuitry failure.

For more information, please contact Donald Lippi at 419-238-1417 or 515 E Main St. Van Wert, OH 45891.

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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