

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER FAILURE TO MONITOR

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Monitoring Requirements Not Met for Borough of Cheswick, Water

Our water system violated several drinking water standards over the past year. Even though these were not emergencies, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct these situations.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During June, July, August, September and the first week in October (9/29/19 - 10/5/19) we did not take the required number of chlorine samples and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time.

The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test for during the last year, how often we are supposed to sample for Chlorine and how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were (or will be) taken.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	When all samples should have been taken	When samples were or will be taken
Chlorine	June 2019 – 4 samples (1/week) DEP NOV 9/4/19	1 - June 7 th	Week of June 3 rd , June 10 th , June 17 th and June 24 th	July 1, 2019
Chlorine	July 2019 – 4 samples (1/week) DEP NOV 9/4/19	1 – July 1 st	Week of July 1 st , July 8 th , July 15, July 22, July 29 th	August 9, 2019
Chlorine	Week of 7/29/19 – 8/3/19 DEP NOV 10/29/19	0	Week of 7/29/19 – 8/3/19	8/9/2019
Chlorine	Week of 8/11/19 – 8/17/19 DEP NOV 10/29/19	0	Week of 8/11/19 – 8/17/19	8/21/2019
Chlorine	Week of 8/25/19- 8/31/19 DEP NOV 10/29/19	0	Week of 8/25/19- 8/31/19	9/27/19
Chlorine	Week of 9/1/19 – 9/7/19 DEP NOV 10/29/19	0	Week of 9/1/19 – 9/7/19	9/27/19
Chlorine	Week of 9/8/19 – 9/14/19 DEP NOV 10/29/19	0	Week of 9/8/19 – 9/14/19	9/27/19
Chlorine	Week of 9/15/19 – 9/21/19 DEP NOV 10/29/19	0	Week of 9/15/19 – 9/21/19	9/27/19

Chlorine	Week of 9/29/19 – 10/5/19 DEP NOV 02/14/20	0	Week of 9/29/19 – 10/5/19	10/11/19
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What happened? What was done?

In April, 2019 DEP required a change to the Disinfection Requirement Rule (DRR) siting plan, the change increased the number of required samples/month from bi-weekly to weekly. This siting plan was sent to CWM Environmental, a service provider under agreement with the Borough to sample/test and report to the DEP, however the chain of command was not effectively executed resulting in taking less than the required samples as updated on the siting plan. The Borough did not receive notice from the DEP of the June and July infractions until September 4, 2019 at which time this issue was brought forward.

However, the issue of insufficient sampling was not immediately rectified, only made worse due to a change in CWM Environmental technicians hired to perform the services. Throughout the months of August, September and the first week in October (10/5/19) CWM failed to properly train a new technician and has acknowledged the same in a memo to the Borough dated October 28, 2019 and attached to this notice of violations. The violations associated with this failure were received from the DEP in notices dated October 29, 2019 and February 14, 2020 respectively.

As a result of these violations, CWM now provides the Borough the same reports that they submit to the DEP which will enable us to react timely to inadequate sampling.

It should be noted that the samples that were taken June – October 5th did meet DEP standards.

For more information, please contact Lorraine Zebrine at 724-274-5125.

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.

This notice is being sent to you from Borough of Cheswick, Water, 220 S. Atlantic Avenue; Cheswick PA 15024.

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To whom it may concern:

The Failure to Monitor violations for Cheswick Borough for the months of August, September, and the first week of October were due to the CWM Environmental sampler's overlook. A corrective action plan has been devised and included a retraining of the sampler to ensure the monitoring requirements are met and that any readings below the minimum are reported directly to Lorraine Zebrine.

If there are any additional questions or concerns, please let us know!

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lindsay Wittmer". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Lindsay Wittmer

Director of QA/QC