

# DRINKING WATER WARNING

## Atlantic City MUA has high turbidity levels

### BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

We routinely monitor your water at the treatment plant for turbidity (cloudiness). This tells us whether we are effectively filtering the water supply to remove organic matter and possible disease-causing organisms. A water sample taken 1/5/2024 showed turbidity levels of 2.5 nephelometric turbidity units at the Individual Filter Effluent which is above the standard of 1 nephelometric turbidity unit. The Combined Filter Effluent was not operational at the time of the Individual Filter Effluent Exceedance. Because of the high levels of turbidity, there is an increased chance that the water may contain disease-causing organisms.

Monitoreamos rutinariamente su agua en la planta de tratamiento para detectar turbidez (nubosidad). Esto nos dice si estamos filtrando eficazmente el suministro de agua para eliminar la materia orgánica y posibles organismos causantes de enfermedades. Una muestra de agua tomada el 5 de enero de 2024 mostró niveles de turbidez de 2,5 unidades de turbidez nefelométrica en el efluente del filtro individual, que está por encima del estándar de 1 unidad de turbidez nefelométrica. El Efluente del Filtro Combinado no estaba operativo en el momento del Exceso del Efluente del Filtro Individual. Debido a los altos niveles de turbidez, existe una mayor probabilidad de que el agua contenga organismos que causan enfermedades.

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#### What should I do? What does this mean?

- **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

- *\*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. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites, which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. \**

- The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice from their health care providers about drinking this water.

## **What is being done?**

We will be flushing the system and sampling for total coliform. We will inform you when turbidity returns to appropriate levels and when you no longer need to boil your water.

For more information, please contact Ed Jones at 609-345-3315 or [ejones@acmua.org](mailto:ejones@acmua.org). 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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