

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Drinking Water Standard Not Met For The City of Quenemo Water District

Our water system recent violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

Public water supply systems (PWSS) are required to have a sanitary survey conducted every 3-5 years depending on that water systems classification. A sanitary survey is a physical inspection in addition to an inspection of the operation and maintenance of that water system. Sanitary surveys are an important tool used to ensure that the quality of your drinking water is safe. During the required inspection, significant deficiencies defined as a "defect in design, operation, or maintenance, or a failure of malfunction of the water systems sources, treatment, storage, or distribution system that is causing or has the potential to allow for a pathway for contamination" may be identified. When significant deficiencies are identified a PWSS has 30 days to contact the state in order to arrive at a reasonable schedule of compliance to correct the outstanding deficiencies. Our PWSS failed to contact the state with the required timeframe. In addition, our system failed to provide a Stage 2 Disinfection Byproduct Plan within 120 days.

What should I do?

- If the significant deficiency identified was an imminent health threat immediate corrective action would have been required and you would have been notified immediately. 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?

- Significant deficiencies identified during the sanitary survey must be corrected with 120 days of being notified or within a state derived time frame. These deficiencies are not an immediate risk. If they had been, you would have been notified immediately.

What happened? What is being done?

- Following the last sanitary inspection on August 12, 2020, KDHE notified the administration at the time the lack of a Stage 2 Disinfection Byproduct Plan. The administration at that time is no longer employed by the city. The current administration and operators were unaware of such deficiency and the public notice requirement. Upon notification of the deficiency, Quenemo administration sought outside support from KDHE and KRWA to reach compliance levels. The plan has been submitted to KDHE and will soon be placed back into compliance.

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Please share this information with all 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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