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On October 21st, 2019, the Village provided our customers with a Public Notice pertaining to the high levels of Manganese in the Village water. In this notice we explained that current levels were above the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) acute health advisory levels. At the time, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) had no requirement for what should have been included in the public notices nor any requirement to send any notice at all. A second public notice that accompanies this letter was recently required by the DNR. Since the initial notice, the EPA has provided a new precaution. This new precaution states that anyone over the age of 50 should not drink water with levels of Manganese over the 300 ug/L. Please review the second notice which includes all original information as well as this new precaution.

Project Progress-

This Fall, the Village has received funding approval to install a filtration system that will treat the water coming out of Well 3 which is the highest of our three wells. Currently, we are waiting final approval from the Public Service Commission (PSC) to move forward with the project. Project bids will go out in January 2021. The goal is to have the filter system up and running by the end of June 2021.

Project Goals-

The Village uses three wells to fill our two water towers. Well #3 pumps 280 gallons per minute of water and is our largest well. Each well can be adjusted to pump different amounts of water into the water system. Once the filtration system is in place, Well #3 would be set so that it would run longer than the other wells therefore adding more water to the system. By doing this, the amount of Manganese would be reduced throughout the whole water system. The goal is to have manganese levels below the 300 ug/l limit set by the EPA. If we can stay below the 300 ug/l limit no further treatment may be necessary. If we are not able to stay below that level, we will look at installing treatment at the other two wells.

The Village will continue to monitor manganese levels throughout the system and inform you when concentrations are below the EPA health advisory level of 300 µg/L. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

The 2nd notice is on the back side of this letter.

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