

Oxford Water Works & Sewer Board
Monitoring & Reporting Non-Compliance Notice

The Oxford Water Works & Sewer Board is required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether your drinking water meets health standards. From February 2013 to December 2019, we did not monitor or test for turbidity correctly for one of the treatment units at our water treatment plant and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time. 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 that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps and diarrhea and associated headaches.

We failed to collect all of the required routine samples for residual disinfectants in the water that we delivered to you from September 2017 to December 2019 from our well sources.

Additionally, we returned filter backwash water to a location other than the raw water supply as required. We failed to notify the state in writing and provide the necessary documentation that we were recycling spent filter backwash water at our water treatment plant.

Although these incidents were not an emergency, as our customers, you have the right to know what happened and what we did to correct the situation. There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. You may continue to drink the water.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (e.g., 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.

Oxford has monitored for all required contaminants properly since the non-compliance occurred and re-routed the filter backwash so that it does not enter the drinking water supply.

Should you have any questions concerning this non-compliance or monitoring requirements, please contact Wayne Livingston by phone at (256) 831-5618 or by mail at PO Box 3663, Oxford, AL 36203.