

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Cobleskill Village Water System Did Not Meet Treatment Requirements

Our water system recently violated a drinking water treatment requirement. Although this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor your water for turbidity (cloudiness). This tells us whether we are effectively filtering the water supply. No more than five percent of our month turbidity readings can exceed 0.3 turbidity units. During January, February, March, April, May, June, and August of 2024 the percentage of readings exceeding 0.3 turbidity units ranged from 11.8 to 39 percent. Therefore, we received a treatment technique violation and are required to notify our customers.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other actions.** We do not know of any contamination, and none of our testing has shown disease-causing organisms in the drinking water.
- If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your healthcare providers about drinking this water. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available on the EPA Ground Water and Drinking Water Website at <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water>.

What does this mean?

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.

These symptoms 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.

What Happened and what is being done?

On February 20, 2025, the Schoharie County Health Department notified Cobleskill Village that a Treatment Technique Violation occurred at the Village's water treatment plant in January through June, and August of 2024. Appropriate chlorine levels were maintained throughout the water system during the violation periods. Five bacteriological samples were taken each month, and all results were negative during the violation periods as well. Turbidity monitoring equipment failure may have contributed to the high readings, but we cannot definitively conclude that to be the case. Since September 2024, Cobleskill Village has maintained turbidity compliance. Additional precautions have been taken at the water treatment plant to ensure turbidity compliance continues including the following:

-Plant water flow settings have been adjusted to ensure turbidity readings are more accurate.

-Turbidity readings will be monitored closely, and manual readings will be taken when an exceedance occurs in the turbidity readings for water leaving the treatment system. Schoharie County Health Department will be notified immediately if manual readings confirm an exceedance.

For more information, please contact [Christopher Salisbury] at [518 234-2195] or [water@midtel.net].

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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