

Atchison Boil Water Advisory remains; Nortonville cleared

(KAIR)--The City of Nortonville is no longer under a boil water advisory.

That word was delivered Wednesday, one day after the advisory was put in place by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

The KDHE has not lifted the advisory for any others who are affected, which are all water customers of the City of Atchison.

The KDHE issued a news release Wednesday saying that the City of Nortonville, located in Jefferson County, was able to connect to an alternate source of water.

The release said that “laboratory testing levels samples collected from the City of Nortonville indicate no evidence of contamination and all other conditions that placed the system at risk of contamination are deemed by KDHE officials to be resolved.”

Remaining under the Boil Water Advisory is the City of Atchison and its customers, which include Atchison County Rural Water Districts 1,3,5, and 6, as well as Doniphan County Rural Water Districts 3 and 5. The advisory includes the City of Lancaster, in Atchison County, but does not include Effingham.

The advisory was issued because of high turbidity readings at the City of Atchison water treatment plant. High turbidity may result in a loss of chlorine residuals and bacterial contamination.

According to a social media post by the City of Atchison Wednesday evening, the turbidity levels at the Atchison Water Treatment Plant have returned to near normal levels. The City will take samples Thursday morning that will be examined in Topeka by the KDHE.

The City is optimistic that the boil water advisory could be rescinded as early as Friday, but no sooner.

If there are issues with the sample, it could be two days longer.

The turbidity issue was caused by the current flooding of the Missouri River.



City of Atchison, Kansas Local Government

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Boil Water Advisory Update (posted 3/20/2019 at approx. 6:35 pm)

The boil water advisory for the City of Atchison and our water customers remains in effect.

The turbidity levels at our Water Treatment Plant have now returned to near normal. As the water needs time to work through the distribution system, we'll be permitted to resume normal operations in the morning that must be examined at the KDHE lab in Topeka.

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All water customers under the boil water advisory are told to boil water for 1 minute if it will be used for drinking or eating.

A boil water advisory is a precautionary measure only, separate from a boil order.

Atchison Mayor Shawn Rizza took to social media Tuesday to offer a clarification between the two.



Shawn Rizza

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I just wanted to pass on a little more info about the boil advisory on our water. It is not a boil order. Semantics I know, but we haven't had any tests come back positive for bacteria or anything. We had a spike in turbidity (solids) overnight from the flood. We brought it back well below the KDHE maximum allowable standards. The boil advisory is in place because once we have that spike we are required to bring it back down to a level that is safe during flood stage. We are very close, and once we reach that level the City will lift the advisory.

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Customers should observe the following precautions until further notice:

- If your tap water appears dirty, flush the water lines by letting the water run until it clears.**
- Boil water for one minute prior to drinking or food preparation or use bottled water.**

- **Dispose of ice cubes and do not use ice from a household automatic icemaker.**
- **Disinfect dishes and other food contact surfaces by immersion for at least one minute in clean tap water that contains one teaspoon of unscented household bleach per gallon of water.**
- **Water used for bathing does not generally need to be boiled. Supervision of children is necessary while bathing so that water is not ingested. Persons with cuts or severe rashes may wish to consult their physicians.**

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