

**Ground Water Rule (GWR) Failure to Take
Corrective Action Within Required Time Frame
Notice**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR
DRINKING WATER**

**Choctaw Tucker Water System Failed to Correct
Significant Deficiencies Within Required Time
Frame**

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

A routine inspection conducted on July 16, 2019, by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 4 identified significant deficiencies in: 1) general maintenance and upkeep; 2) Anthracite media needing replacement in both filters and chemical storage; 3) all chlorine gas facilities needing upgrades to sodium hypochlorite; and, 4) leaking nonfunctioning pressure gauges and booster pumps.

As required by EPA's GWR, we were required to take action to correct these deficiencies. However, we failed to take this action by the submitted deadline.

What should I do?

- **There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- 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 health care providers about drinking this water. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.

These symptoms, however, are not caused only by organisms in drinking water, but also by other factors. If

you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

What is being done?

Significant additional funding has been made available to our water system in the current fiscal year. This funding is allowing for the correction of the issues described in this notice. General maintenance and upkeep have been improved. The water plant's filtration system was checked to confirm that adequate treatment is being provided. Choctaw Utilities is working with a consulting engineering firm to upgrade the water system to utilize a disinfection method consistent with the CAP, which work is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2024. Pressure gauges have been replaced. Pump packing will be replaced as part of a service pump rebuild.

For more information, please contact Ricky Cook, P.E. at 601-663-7575 or ricky.cook@choctaw.org.

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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