

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

West Milford Municipal Utilities Authority-Olde Milford Estates Has Detected Levels of Manganese Above Secondary Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated a secondary drinking water standard. Manganese levels above secondary standards are not considered health threatening but can have negative aesthetic and cosmetic effects. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. On July 06, 2012, the water treatment plant on Ridge Road exceeded the recommended upper limit for Manganese. The standard for Manganese is 0.05 ppm and the concentration of Manganese in the water leaving this plant was found at a level of 0.091 ppm.

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.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. However, you should know that the recommended upper limit for manganese is based on staining of laundry. Manganese is an essential nutrient, and toxicity is not expected from high levels which would be encountered in drinking water.

What is being done?

Olde Milford Estates currently has treatment in place for this contaminant and the treatment system has been optimized. For more information, please contact the WMMUA at 179 Cahill Cross Rd Suite 221, West Milford, NJ 07480.

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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