

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Monitoring Requirements Not Met for Town of Gueydan Water System

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. Even though this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did (are doing) to correct this situation.

We routinely sample water at consumers' taps for lead and copper. The tests during the 2021 and 2022 monitoring period showed copper levels in the water above the limit, or "action level," so we were required to collect water quality parameters and submit a corrosion control treatment recommendation to the State. We failed to collect the water quality parameters and submit the required information by the required due date. However, we have since worked with the Louisiana Department of Health to come into compliance.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.

What is being done?

Our system worked with a consultant to implement corrosion control treatment at our plant. This treatment will help minimize the leaching of lead and copper into the water from old plumbing components.

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