

Village of Freeburg

Water Customers

Customer Notice – Temporary Change in Drinking Water Disinfection

The Village of Freeburg is required to comply with drinking water standards set forth by the USEPA, like other water systems in the country. To comply with these regulations and maintain satisfactory water quality for its customers, The SLM water plant – whom provides Freeburg’s water must make periodic modifications to its water treatment process. These periodic modifications have been approved by the E.P.A., and are not considered to be unusual in modern water system practice. The SLM water plant will begin temporary changing the type of disinfection used in the water treatment process on **SEPTEMBER 3rd**. Instead of combining the chlorine with ammonia, the water plant will be adding chlorine only. The change in the disinfection process will continue for approximately 6-8 weeks. Then the process will be reversed to utilize a predominately monochloramine disinfection residual instead of the free chlorine residual. The safety of the water will not be affected by this temporary change. Many water plants use chlorine in the free, uncombined form on a regular basis. Chlorine levels and water quality will continue to meet E.P.A. safety standards.

Will I notice a change in the taste or smell of the water? During the temporary switch, you may notice a stronger chlorine taste and smell in your drinking water. The taste and odor are not a health risk.

What can I do if I notice a chlorine taste or smell? Flush the cold water tap for 2 minutes. Run the cold water tap for 5-10 minutes when water is not used for several hours.

Refrigerate cold tap water in an open pitcher. Within a few hours, the chlorine taste and odor will disappear.

***Who should take precautions during the temporary switch?**

Dialysis patients and renal care facilities should be aware of these changes and adjust their health care practices accordingly. For questions, please contact your physician or kidney dialysis center.

In addition, owners of residential fish aquariums should review their water treatment system and make modifications if any are needed.

***Can children and pregnant women drink the water?**

Yes, they can use water for all purposes.

Whom do I call for answers to my questions?

If you have any questions concerning this matter, contact John Tolan at Village Hall. (618) 539-5545