

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BUREAU OF SAFE DRINKING WATER

DRINKING WATER WARNING

FAILURE OF A FILTRATION OR DISINFECTION PROCESS

ESTE INFORME CONTIENE INFORMACION IMPORTANTE ACERCA DE SU AGUA POTABLE. HAGA QUE ALGUIEN LO TRADUZCA PARA USTED, O HABLE CON ALGUIEN QUE LO ENTIENDA.

East Brady Borough Water System is experiencing operational conditions that compromise the water quality.

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

On June 27, 2025, operational plant conditions or deficiencies were identified at East Brady Borough Water System.

These deficiencies include:

A mislabeled shipment of chemical, identified to be sodium bisulfite, was mistakenly fed, resulting in a loss of disinfection at the East Brady Borough Water System treatment plant.

There is an increased chance that the water may contain disease-causing organisms.

What should I do?

DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST. Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

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

These symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. Guardians of infants and young children and people at increased risk, such as pregnant women, some of the elderly and people with severely compromised immune systems, should seek advice from their health care advisors about drinking this water.

What is being done?

East Brady Borough Water System has worked with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, its certified operator, and the chemical supplier to identify the previously unknown chemical as sodium bisulfite which in itself is NSF approved as an additive to drinking water and not a human health concern at the concentrations added to the water system. The sodium bisulfite that was mistakenly introduced to the water system acted as a dechlorinating agent, resulting in a loss of disinfection and inadequately treated water being sent to customers. Based on the identification of the chemical as sodium bisulfite the previous "Do Not Consume" advisory is being modified to a Boil Water Advisory.

We will inform you when you no longer need to boil your water.

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