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From: Doyle, Elizabeth
Sent: Thur 1/16/2014 11:37:57 AM
Subject: Fw: Amended recommendation

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From: binetti, victoria
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 6:12:30 AM
To: Burneson, Eric; Clark, Becki; Doyle, Elizabeth
Subject: Amended recommendation

New paragraph in latest press release (12:40 am, 1/16/14) announcing expansion of zones where restrictions are being lifted (now 57,000 customers)::

According to the Centers for Disease Control: "At this time, scientists continue to recommend 1 ppm as a protective level to prevent adverse health effects. However, due to limited availability of data, and out of an abundance of caution, you may wish to consider an alternative drinking water source for pregnant women until the chemical is at non-detectable levels in the water distribution system."

http://www.amwater.com/files/PR17MountAlphaLift.pdf

Same message is posted with 'water safety map' on WV American Water website:

http://www.amwater.com/wvaw/about-us/news.html

Also, press release from last evening (10:30 pm):

STATEMENT REGARDING NEW CDC RECOMMENDATION

West Virginia American Water continues to lift the Do Not Use order according to a strict, methodical approach to ensure the water quality meets the acceptable levels set by

U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and so that our system is not overwhelmed by excessive demand, which could cause water quality and service issues.

At the start of this process, the experts at the CDC established the acceptable level of MCHM at 1 part per million (ppm), which the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources' Bureau for Public Health and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) officials reviewed and concurred with before we developed the protocols for lifting the water ban.

West Virginia American Water does not set water quality standards. Our responsibility is to follow the rules and guidelines established by federal and state regulatory agencies, such as the CDC, EPA, West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources' Bureau for Public Health and the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection.

Through this entire incident, we have worked closely with Gov. Tomblin, National Guard, Department of Health and Human Resources, Department of Homeland Security and other interagency partners to restore quality drinking water for the people served by the Kanawha Valley Water Treatment Plant. West Virginia American Water has followed the regulatory guidelines and testing protocols required to lift the Do Not Use order ban, and we are fully confident that we are providing customers with drinking water that meets all regulatory standards.

http://www.amwater.com/files/WVCDCStatement_01-2014FINAL.pdf

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