

# **Poughkeepsies' Water Treatment Facility**

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Temporary Disinfectant Change In Drinking Water**

#### **Temporary Change Helps Keep Water Mains Clean**

For approximately 6 weeks beginning on 9/28/09 users of water supplied by the Poughkeepsies' Joint Water Facility may notice a slight change in the taste of their drinking water. That taste is chlorine. During this period there will be a temporary change in the chemistry of the disinfectant added to drinking water at the treatment plant. The disinfectant kills bacteria in the water and helps keep the pipes in the distribution system clean.

The temporary change in water chemistry will not affect the safety of the water for drinking. This periodic change in disinfectant is a standard water treatment practice that is employed by most facilities that use chloramines as a disinfectant, in order to keep the distribution pipes clean.

The Poughkeepsies' Joint Water Facility is the organization responsible for treating the water supplied to the City and Town of Poughkeepsie, water for the Dutchess County Water Authority supplied through the Central Dutchess Water Transmission Line to the IBM East Fishkill facility, the Village of Wappingers Falls, Arbors and Greenbush water districts in Hyde Park, and a few customers on Cobey Terrace.

People and businesses that normally take special precautions to remove chloramines from tap water, such as dialysis centers, medical facilities, and aquatic pet owners, should continue to take the same precautions during the temporary switch from chloramines to free chlorine. Most methods for removing chloramines from tap water are effective in removing chlorine.

If your water has a noticeable chlorine taste during this period you may be able to reduce the taste by refrigerating a pitcher of drinking water overnight. If you notice any change in the color of your water it should only be temporary. Simply run the cold water from your faucet until it is clear. In the unlikely event that the water remains discolored please contact your local water authority at the numbers listed below:

City of Poughkeepsie, Publics Works, 451-4111

Town of Poughkeepsie, Distribution Operator Keith Ballard, 462-6535

Village of Wappingers, Distribution Operator Don Booth, 297-3716

All other users, Water Treatment Plant Administrator Paul Lill, 451-4173

Should you have any questions concerning this temporary change please contact Water Plant Administrator Paul Lill at 451-4173 ext. 24.