

Water System Report
October, 2022

Our system (2 wells) are in a class called TNC, transient and non-community. We have a certain set of guidelines by MassDEP that we adhere to. Our vendor that tests for us, handles inspections, and reports to DEP is WhiteWater.

In July this year WW notified us of an elevated reading of manganese and the required action by DEP which was to post a warning for infants not to be fed the water.

The two employees from WW that we work with and that I spoke to did not feel this level of manganese is a health hazard to others and is described as a secondary contaminant. The measurements that are used are a lifetime of exposure to be hazardous.

A few have asked if we need to do some mitigation on our source which is the wells. WW did not feel this was called for and in fact pointed out that changes to our system would require an engineers plan to correct an identified problem, then would need approval and permitting by MassDEP, and after that increased testing and inspections.

If the level increases then we may have to cross this bridge, but there are also different filters that an individual cottage can put on their point of use if they are concerned. We have another test to be done this October, but may not have the results by the time of Annual Meeting. When the tests come back we will share with the association.

The DEP did their Sanitary Survey this year which is done every 3 years. We had two remediation tasks that were completed: securing lid over the well with a code lock and putting "vapor breakers" on each exterior hose spigot on cottages They also tested PFAS at this time for their Cape Cod survey.

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