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Masontown Borough Water Customers:

On May 15, 2017, the Borough's new water supplier (Southwestern Pennsylvania Water Authority) will begin using chloramination disinfection. Chloramine disinfection will be used seasonally, during the late spring, summer and autumn months, in order to reduce regulated disinfection byproducts.

Chloramines have been used safely in the United States and Canada for almost 90 years. Most customers will not notice a difference in their water supply; in fact, the addition of chloramine disinfection should result in improved taste and odor. Chloraminated water is safe for bathing, drinking, cooking and all normal uses; however, as with chlorine, chloramines must be removed from water prior to dialysis treatments and dialysis patients should check with their equipment providers to obtain proper equipment to remove chloramines. Chloramine neutralizers can be obtained at pet stores for use in aquariums, fish ponds and terrariums.

Additional information regarding the use of chloramines is available from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection @

 $\frac{\text{http://www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/My-Water/PublicDrinkingWater/Pages/Chloramine-in-Drinking-Water.aspx}{\text{Water.aspx}}$

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