



PUBLIC NOTIFICATION (PN) CERTIFICATION FORM

Public Water System Name: Tarantum Borough PWSID Number: 5020055

Date of Violation/Situation: Nov 1, 2024

Description of Violation/Situation: Alarm testing capabilities, Air vent location, Flow weighted Average permit and TTHM levels

Notified DEP (or CHD) within 1 hour Date or NA: _____

Consulted with DEP within 24 hours Date or NA: _____

PN Level: Tier 1 Tier 2 Tier 3

Type of notice addressed by this certification: Initial Repeat

Methods and date of public notice deliveries to customers:

Method: Letter insert with bills Date: 11-25-24

Method: Public Notice in paper Date: 11-26-24

Method: _____ Date: _____

Method: _____ Date: _____

The public notice included the required elements: a description of the violation/situation; potential health effects; the population at risk; if alternate water supplies need to be used; when the violation/situation occurred; when the system will resolve the violation/situation; what is being done to correct the problem; actions consumers can take; water system contact information; and language encouraging broader distribution of the notice.

A copy of each type of notice that was distributed is attached to this certification form

Certified by:

As a representative of the Public Water System (PWS) indicated above, I certify that public notification addressing the above violation/situation was distributed to all customers in accordance with the prescribed content, format, deadlines and delivery requirements outlined in Chapter 25 Pa. Code Chapter 109 Subchapter D of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)'s regulations.

Signature: [Signature] Date: 11-29-24

Print Name and Title: Dwight Boddart, Borough Manager

Phone Number: 724-671-7474

Complete and submit this form to your local DEP office **within 10 days** of issuing the public notification described above. DEP District Office and County Health Department contact information can be found within DEP document number 3930-FM-BSDW0560, which can be located by searching for document number 3930-FM-BSDW0560 in DEP's eLibrary at the following link: <http://www.depgreenport.state.pa.us/elibrary/Search>.

For DEP use only. Checked by: _____ Date: _____

FAILURE TO COMPLETE SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

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

Tarentum Borough Water Department recently violated a drinking water requirement. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did (are doing) to correct this situation.

A routine inspection conducted on January 23, 2024 by the DEP found Four violations of the water system. Violation 1 is related to alarm capabilities under B6E - 25 PA Code 109.703(c). Violation 2 is related to Air Vents under C4A - 25 PA Code 109.4. Violation 3 is related to flow weighted averages. Violation 4, under 25 PA Code 109.1003 is related to Trihalomethanes running annual average.

We were required to take action to correct this deficiency. However, we failed to take this action by the deadline established by DEP.

What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

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

These symptoms, however, are not caused only by organisms in drinking water, but also by other factors. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

What is being done?

Violation 1: The DEP requires that the alarm testing function within our SCADA system not only trigger alarms but also confirm proper functionality of each specific alarm. This includes alarms for high individual filter effluent (IFE) turbidity, high combined filter effluent (CFE) turbidity, low disinfectant residual, and low clearwell tank levels. Each alarm must be tested individually to verify that it functions correctly, beyond simply triggering the system's call-out function. This was corrected on 11/5/2024. Additionally, we are working to update our testing process to ensure we continue to meet these requirements and will provide additional information to the DEP as requested.

Violation 2: The DEP has identified a potential issue with the relocation of air vents in our water system. Work on the relocation has already started. However, we are in the process of consulting with the DEP's Technical Services section to determine if a permit is necessary for the completion of this corrective action. Contact has been initiated with the DEP, and we will confirm any permit requirements while developing a timeline for each subsequent step.

Should it be determined that a permit is needed, we will ensure it is acquired promptly to avoid any further compliance issues.

Violation 3: Our flow-weighted-average permit is overdue for submission. We have been in contact with the DEP and are currently finalizing the necessary documents and will submit the application by the date specified to the DEP. Tarentum Borough is committed to maintaining a safe and compliant water system for all residents and is working closely with the DEP to address each of these issues promptly. Updates on our progress will be provided as necessary.

Violation 4: The DEP requires monitoring and control of Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) in compliance with established maximum contaminant levels (MCLs). Recent laboratory tests which averages May, August, and November showed elevated levels of TTHMs in the water system, which exceeded the MCL. Novembers test show we are currently below the MCL. To address this in the future, we plan to increase hydrant flushing in the affected area throughout the year to improve water circulation and mitigate TTHM formation. We will continue to monitor TTHM levels closely and adjust corrective actions as needed to remain in compliance with DEP standards. TTHM levels are routinely reported on the annual consumer confidence report located at www.tarentumboro.com

We anticipate resolving the problem within Violations 2 and 3 will be resolved within 100 days or less from the date of this letter. Additional actions on Violation 4 will be undertaken quarterly with more routine hydrant flushing.
(or the problem was resolved on Violation 1 was resolved on 11/5/2024. Violation 4 was resolved 11/21/2024.).

For more information, please call Jeff Adams of Tarentum Borough
at 724.224.1818

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by Tarentum Borough Water Department.

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Date distributed: 11/26/2024



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Classified Call Center 800-524-5700

Advertising Quote

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318 2ND AVE
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Customer URN: 00054899
Telephone #: 7242241818

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Order URN #: 356794_V1

Title	Ed	Section	Classification	Size	Start Date	End Date	Insert Net Price
Tribune-Review	VN	Classified	Leg - Government Not	2 Col Legal	11/26/2024	11/26/2024	\$380.25
TribLiveClassifieds.com	ALL	Classified	Leg - Government Not	2 Col Legal	11/26/2024	11/26/2024	\$0.00
Order Total:							\$380.25

GOVERNMENT NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TARENTUM BOROUGH. The Tarentum Borough Water Department is notifying its customers of violations identified during a routine inspection by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on January 23, 2024. While these violations are not emergencies, customers have the right to know what occurred and how the Borough is addressing the issues.

Summary of Violations

- Alarm Capabilities (25 PA Code 109.703(c)):** Testing revealed that certain alarms in our SCADA system failed to meet the required functionality standards.
o Status: Resolved as of November 5, 2024. Testing protocols are being updated for ongoing compliance.
- Air Vents (25 PA Code 109.4):** A potential issue was identified with the relocation of air vents in the water system.
o Status: Work is underway. We are consulting DEP to determine if additional permits are required and will complete all necessary steps promptly.
- Flow-Weighted Averages:** Our submission of flow-weighted average data is overdue.
o Status: We are finalizing the necessary documents and will submit them to DEP as required.

What Does This Mean? This is not an emergency. If it were, you would have been notified within 24 hours. Inadequately treated water may pose health risks, particularly for individuals with compromised immune systems. However, no immediate action, such as boiling water, is required at this time.

For specific health concerns, please consult your healthcare provider. General safety information is available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

What's Being Done? Tarentum Borough is working closely with DEP to resolve these violations. Updates will be shared as progress is made. All corrective actions for violations 2 and 3 are expected to be completed within 100 days or less. For further information, please contact: Jeff Adams, Tarentum Borough Water Department Phone: 724-224-1818

This notice is issued by the Tarentum Borough Water Department. PWS ID #5020055 Date of Distribution: November 20, 2024

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