

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Tarentum Borough Water Department is notifying its customers of a violation identified through the water system's required routine monitoring and reporting obligations, overseen by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). While this is not an emergency, customers have the right to know what occurred and how the Borough is addressing the issue.

Summary of Violation

1. Failure to Monitor / Report (25 Pa. Code Chapter 109): From September 2025 through July 2026, the Borough did not collect and/or report all required routine samples for Alkalinity – Total, Total Organic Carbon (TOC), Chlorine Residual (distribution monitoring and reporting), Chlorine Residual (Combined Filter Effluent/Disinfection Residual), and Turbidity (Combined and Individual Filter Effluent). As a result, neither DEP nor the Borough can confirm these parameters met all applicable standards during that time.

What does this mean?

We are required to monitor your drinking water on a regular basis for specific contaminants. Regular monitoring results indicate whether your drinking water meets health standards. During September 2025 through July 2026, we did not complete all required monitoring or reporting, and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

This is not an immediate risk, and you do not need to do anything at this time; you do not need to use an alternate water supply. This notice applies to all customers of the Tarentum Borough Water Department; no particular group is known to be at increased risk as a result of this monitoring lapse.

What happened? What was done?

In fall 2025, the Borough's long-serving Water Plant Manager unexpectedly passed away, taking with him decades of institutional knowledge of the system's sampling, monitoring, and reporting requirements. That loss led to a lapse in the timely collection and/or reporting of routine compliance samples for the parameters listed above.

What's Being Done?

The Borough has hired a new Water Plant Manager and created and filled a new Coordinator position, cross-training both roles on all monitoring and reporting duties. The Borough has developed written Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and a monitoring/reporting calendar, and is training all water system employees on these protocols, while working directly with DEP to confirm ongoing compliance. Make-up samples for the violations above that have since been resolved were collected and reported, and compliance has been achieved for those periods. Monitoring for the two remaining open items (Alkalinity and TOC) is being brought current and is expected to be fully resolved by September 2026.

For further information, please contact: Tom Wesoloski, Water Plant Director, Tarentum Borough Water Department, 318 E. 2nd Ave., Tarentum, PA 15084.

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