

SWTR Disinfection Treatment Notice

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling Did Not Meet Treatment Requirements

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. Although this situation does not require that you take immediate action, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

Monthly Exceedance - During the months of August and September 2025, disinfectant residual was undetectable in more than 5% of samples. The standard is that disinfectant may be undetectable in no more than 5% of samples each month for two months in a row. We routinely monitor for disinfectant residual in the distribution system. This measurement tells us whether we are effectively disinfecting the water supply. Disinfectant residual is the amount of chlorine or related disinfectant present in the pipes of the distribution system. If the amount of disinfectant is too low, organisms could grow in the pipes.

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, please 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 healthcare providers about drinking this water. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available on the EPA Ground Water and Drinking Water Website at <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water>.

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?

As JBAB is a consecutive system and does not treat the water once it has entered the installation, we are working with the 11th Wing Civil Engineering Squadron to increase flushing operations. This will help pull the water through areas of low water usage and draw higher disinfectant levels across the installation. Bioenvironmental Engineering will continue monitoring disinfectant levels and bacteria analysis via routine sample collection.

For more information, please contact Bioenvironmental Engineering at 202-404-1992 or email the org box at dha.jbab.andrews-med-grp.mbx.bioenvironmental-engineering@health.mil.

** 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 JBAB Bioenvironmental Engineering.

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