Okmulgee County RWD #4

"On August 2, 2021, the disinfectant in Okmulgee County Rural Water Dist. #4 water will be changing from chlorine to chloramines. This change is intended to benefit customers by reducing the levels of disinfectant byproducts (DBPs) in the system, while still providing protection from waterborne disease.

However, the change to chlorine to chloramines can cause problems to persons dependent on dialysis machines. A condition known as hemolytic anemia can occur if the disinfectant is not completely removed from the water that is used for the dialysate. Consequently, the pretreatment scheme used for the dialysis units must include some means, such as a charcoal filter, for removing the chloramine prior to this date. Medical facilities should also determine if additional precautions are required for other medical equipment.

In addition, chloraminated water may be toxic to fish. If you have a fish tank, please make sure that the chemicals or filters that you are using are designed for use in water that has been treated with chloramines. You may also need to change the type of filter that you use for your fish tanks."

Optional: When the chloraminated water first flushes out the chlorinated water there may be a slight taste and odor, and possibly discoloration for a short period of time. This will not compromise the safety of the water.

For more information, please contact the Okmulgee Rural Water Dist. #4 between 8AM – 4PM at (918) 733-2441, or at 20270 Highway 52, Morris, OK. This notice is being sent by Okmulgee Rural Water Dist. #4. State Water System ID#3005602.

Michael Wallace

Operator