



Press Release

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Subject: Your Tap Water is Safe

GR-SR-SC Joint Powers Water Board – Green River Wyoming:

The Joint Power Waters Board (JPWB) assures the public that the water from your home or business tap is completely safe for consumption. The statement issued this morning was a standard EPA form with language required by the federal government to notify the public of the water turbidity level. While the JPWB acknowledges the heading creates an understandable level of alarm, the explanation below the heading is what you need to know.

The EPA notification says there is no emergency, no action is necessary by the community, and turbidity at this low level has no health effects. According to the JPWB General Manager Fred Ostler, “Only out of an abundance of caution for those who have severely compromised immune systems was the EPA mandated notice issued.”

The water has not been contaminated, testing has shown no disease causing organisms in the water, and normal levels of oxidation and disinfection have been maintained.

River turbidity is the dirt and silt in the water. This is an annual occurrence this time of year and comes with the rapid snow melt that makes the Green River turn brown. According to Ostler, what is different this year is the record snowfall and runoff, and a decision made by the EPA that mandated this public notice.

Ostler again emphasized the water is safe and added, “that if at any time the water was not fit to drink, we wouldn't wait for the EPA or anyone else to tell us to notify the public.” The water plant and the cities continually monitor the water quality so the public can be assured it is a safe and reliable water supply.