



Dear Resident:

Since the inception of the Oyster Bay Water District in 1924, we have enjoyed the great taste of our water. Its reputation was such that people came from all over to bottle it and take it home. During all that time, the good taste was sustained because we were granted a disinfection waiver from the Nassau County Department of Health. As the 84 years have gone by, the requirements to obtain this waiver became more stringent year after year. The Oyster Bay Water District, however, always met or exceeded those requirements.

Despite the consistent pure quality of our water, in late 2007, the Nassau County Department of Health sent us a letter mandating that we start chlorinating the public water supply January 1, 2008 on a permanent basis. Its directive is based upon recommendations from the Department of Homeland Security affecting water suppliers with a population of 3301 or greater. The Oyster Bay Water District has always put the quality and safety of our water supply first for all the residents within the District. Chlorination is one safety measure that we will use to protect our water supply, along with other safeguards that are already in place. Since this recent directive was a surprise to all Nassau County water suppliers, modernizing the equipment to facilitate day-to-day chlorination is paramount.

Currently, we are disinfecting the water supply with existing equipment that was only used in temporary situations in the past. In order to maintain a constant chlorine residual in the system on a permanent basis the District is in the process of upgrading all of our chlorination equipment to the state of the art.

During the changeover, you may experience the taste and odor of chlorine. Once the new equipment is in service, the disagreeable taste and odor should subside. If you have any questions please contact the District office.



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To: Officials and Superintendents of  
Nassau County Public Water Systems

Re: 2008 Disinfection Waivers

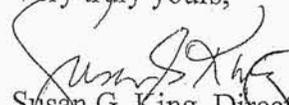
The disinfection waivers now in effect will expire on December 31, 2007. Public water systems that wish to operate under a waiver from disinfection must apply for a new waiver.

The Nassau County Department of Health has modified the County's conditions for receiving a waiver. In particular, only systems that serve a population of fewer than 3,301 will be eligible for a disinfection waiver. This criterion is based on the federal and state laws requiring all community water systems that serve a population of 3,301 or greater to complete vulnerability assessments and emergency response plans and the Department of Homeland Security guidance regarding public water system preparedness. Water suppliers that must comply with State and Federal security requirements to protect their water system against terrorism and other serious emergency events should also utilize the most basic protective measure of disinfection. The distribution system of a public water system is the most vulnerable part of a water system to acts of terrorism; the most viable method of protecting it is by chlorination.

Furthermore, in order to be eligible for a waiver, public water suppliers must be in compliance with Part 5 of the New York State Sanitary Code, Article VI of the Nassau County Public Health Ordinance and must meet the attached criteria.

Please call Mr. Robert Girillo at 571-3323 for a disinfection waiver application or if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

  
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w/attachments

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