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Annual Change in Chlorine Disinfection of the Water System

October 1, 2023

Certified Mail
Return Receipt Request

City of Opa - Locka
780 Fisherman Street
Opa Locka, FL 33054

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD) will temporarily change its method of chlorination at each of its regional water treatment facilities. Specifically, free chlorine treatment will be used to provide a somewhat stronger disinfection and bleaching process than the combined chlorine treatment which is normally used at our regional water plants. This change in treatment will occur beginning October 16, 2023, and will continue through October 29, 2023. During this period, a consumer may notice a chlorine taste and/or odor in the tap water; however, these temporary conditions will not cause adverse health effects. This periodic change in chlorine treatment has taken place annually since 1983 and will ensure adequate disinfection levels in the water.

We have enclosed a chlorination fact sheet for your reference.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience our customers may experience during this period. Please keep in mind that this task is part of our ongoing effort to provide a safe, potable water supply for the residents of Miami-Dade County.

If you have any questions concerning this temporary change in treatment process, please e-mail me at Samuel.Carballo@miamidade.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "SC".

Samuel Carballo, P.E. Division Director
Water Production & Maintenance Division

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FACT SHEET

Information about Chlorine Disinfection

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During this period, consumers may notice a chlorine taste or odor in their tap water. Users of dialysis machines, owners of tropical fish, and managers of restaurants and stores with fish holding tanks are advised to seek professional advice as to the method of removing chlorine residuals during this time.

Public notices announcing the “Free Chlorine Treatment Period” are posted in local newspapers; a press release is sent to the media; the information is posted on WASD’s social media platforms and home page, www.miamidade.gov/water.

What to Expect

- ✓ Slight chlorine taste and/or odor in the water.
- ✓ Slight decrease in pressure when hydrants are being flushed in your area.
- ✓ No adverse effects to pets (Except for tropical fish).
- ✓ Temporary possibility of higher levels of trihalomethanes. (Will not result in any adverse effects).
- ✓ Temporary discoloration of the water, as water rushing out of the hydrant removes rust and sediment particles from pipes.

This water is chlorinated, disinfected, and may be safely consumed.

Schedule

- ✓ October 16th – 29th, 2023.

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