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Brian Water customer

RE: Nitrate update - EPA maximum contamination level (MCL) is 10 mg/L

I notified you earlier that the nitrate levels in the water have been edging upward over the last couple of years and last month spiked up to 12 mg/L. Two subsequent samples were 10.7 & 10.9. I will turn in another sample in March.

I met with the DEQ and they are directing me to look for a longer term remedy to keep the levels below the 10 MCL. Basically, the options are to hook into another system or drill a deeper well or treat with ion exchange (very expensive). I am looking for the most feasible approach to the situation.

In any case, I will have to go to the PUC for a significant rate raise. The rates here really have been pretty low but will need to rise. The aging infrastructure of the system is an ongoing concern as well.

If anyone wants to talk to me, I will be at the pump house on Saturday..noon to 1:00 pm. Or feel free to call me. (I don't know if having a Homeowners Association would matter but it may be worth checking into)

Sincerely,

Tony Bowar
Brian Water Corp.