



March 17, 2016

The City of Barberton and portions of Norton are served by the City of Barberton's water system. The primary source of the drinking water comes from the Wolf Creek Reservoir. The City also has a back-up water source consisting of a series of drilled wells. The back-up supply is only pumped into the reservoir when water levels are low, typically the end of summer. The back-up wells were not needed and were not used during 2015.

Recently, the Ohio EPA has concluded that a privately owned construction and demolition debris disposal facility located near the back-up wells is leaking minerals into the ground water. Tests in August and December of 2015 of the back-up wells show an increased concentration of these naturally occurring minerals indicating that the leakage from the landfill is being detected at two of the three Barberton back-up wells. The minerals include iron, manganese, chlorides, calcium and magnesium.

The City of Barberton and Summit County Public Health (SCPH) wish to assure Barberton water customers that the drinking water has been and continues to be safe to drink and is of high quality. The City of Barberton and the Ohio EPA are taking every precaution to assure that the drinking water remains safe.

A more extensive assessment of the groundwater impact is being studied with additional test wells soon to be drilled. The Ohio EPA issued orders to the operator of the disposal facility, Summit Road Properties, on March 4, 2016. The orders require the operator to install these additional test wells and conduct additional sampling to assist in gathering the data necessary to analyze the situation.

Additionally, the Ohio EPA and SCPH have begun to collect water for testing from the five occupied homes with individual private wells that are within 1000 feet of the disposal facility.

Questions may be directed to:

Summit County Public Health at 330-926-5600 or the Barberton Water Treatment Plant at 330-848-6744 between 8 AM and 4:00 PM Tuesday - Friday

Summit County Public Health will maintain a web page of up to date information at: www.scpH.org.

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