



CITY OF BATTLE CREEK

CITY MANAGER - COMMUNICATIONS

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Important information about your drinking water

****Drinking water advisory LIFTED at 3 p.m. June 16, 2018****

Following receipt of manganese test results of 52 water samples across the City of Battle Creek's water system, **the lifting of the city's drinking water advisory has been approved** by the Calhoun County Public Health Department, and the Michigan Departments of Environmental Quality and Health and Human Services.

This means the city's tap water is safe to drink for children and adults of all ages.

The city, county, and state agencies received the report of test results today from ALS Environmental in Holland. All but four of the water samples tested at levels below the acceptable U.S. Environmental Protection Agency health standard for manganese, which is a naturally-occurring element.

The four elevated results were at wells at the city's Verona Pumping Station. However, none of those wells are directly feeding the city's water distribution system. The city will work with the state DEQ on manganese filtering at the plant, and with the state DHHS on further testing.

Officials will hold a press conference this afternoon to discuss further details – 5 p.m. at the Department of Public Works, 150 S. Kendall St.

We will broadcast live on Facebook, www.facebook.com/CerealCityMichigan (and hope for a better feed).

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