



Public Services Department

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Memorandum

Date: September 21, 2010
To: Honorable Mayor and Board of Commissioners
Through: Mark LeCouris, City Manager
From: Paul Smith, Public Services Director
Subject: Notification of Water Supply System Activities

The purpose of this memorandum is to keep you informed of ongoing temporary activities related to our water supply from Tampa Bay Water and Pinellas County Utilities.

Pinellas County Utilities is currently implementing their annual free chlorine maintenance program that is expected to continue for approximately 2 more weeks. This is a routine maintenance measure that has been in place for the past several years for the water distribution system. The flushing and disinfection program is designed to maintain distribution system water quality and minimize the potential for any future problems. The maintenance program is supported by the FDEP and will include daily testing to monitor water quality and measure the effectiveness of the program. The primary effect our customers may notice from this activity is a stronger chlorine odor.

If there are any changes in the duration of the program, customers including the City will be notified by Pinellas County Utilities.

Additionally, our regional water supplier Tampa Bay Water for approximately the next month will be utilizing their recently expanded surface water supply system at full capacity which may result in a change in the normal blend of water sources we receive. All water sources are treated to high standards to meet stringent regulatory requirements. As a result in the changes in blend, our customers may experience a slight difference in taste and/or smell in the water during this temporary period. These are normal occurrences for a regional system and carry no negative health effects for the general population.

We will be posting this information on our City website with a link to Pinellas County Utilities and Tampa Bay Water. Any concerns, customer or otherwise arising from this County water program should be directed to Pinellas County Utilities Customer Service at (727) 464-4000. Any questions regarding the Tampa Bay Water regional water supply may be directed to (727) 796-2355.