

# DRINKING WATER WARNING

## CITY OF LAS VEGAS HAD HIGH TURBIDITY LEVELS

We routinely monitor your water for turbidity (cloudiness). This tells us whether we are effectively filtering the water supply. A water sample taken Friday November 17, 2023 showed turbidity levels above the maximum allowable. Because of these high levels of turbidity, there was an increased chance that the water may contain disease-causing organisms.

### What should I do? What does this mean?

- *You **do not** need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, please contact your health care professional.*
- *\*Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites, which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.\* The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice from their health care providers about drinking this water.*

### What is being done?

During the event City Water Treatment Plant staff maintained adequate disinfection throughout the distribution system.

City contractor arrived on November 20<sup>th</sup> and will be working at the plant until November 22<sup>nd</sup> to address the equipment failure.

We anticipate resolving the problem within the month.

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General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

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