



JEFFERSON COUNTY
WATER and SEWER DISTRICT

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PRESS RELEASE

In response to public concern regarding drinking water in the District's Area M and O Systems, which is supplied by the City of Toronto, please refer to our website www.jcwatersewer.com. Follow the link provided to see the Press Release issued by the City of Toronto Water Department.

Throughout this situation the District has been in constant contact with the Ohio EPA Southeast District, the City of Toronto's Water Superintendent, as well as the City of Steubenville's Water Superintendent. In summary, the chemical Butyl Acrylate was detected at the City of Toronto Water Intake on February 8th. It was detected at <1.0 part per billion (ppb), the risk level for Butyl Acrylate is 560 ppb.

The City of Toronto treats drinking water with activated carbon and chlorine as well as other processes and chemicals. Carbon and chlorine are used to remove various contaminants, including Butyl Acrylate from drinking water. In a precautionary move, the City increased the amount of carbon used to ensure public safety. Daily testing by the City and the District have not indicated the presence of this contaminate in our water system.

The Districts Other Water Systems, Areas: A, J, and G are supplied by the Villages of Mingo Junction, Brilliant, and Tiltonsville. All of which are supplied by Ground Water from wells. Toronto is a Surface Water Plant. If you are unsure which area you are located in please refer to www.jcwatersewer.com/water-quality-reports.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael S. Eroshevich".

Michael S. Eroshevich
Director of Sanitary Engineering