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For Immediate Release

Drinking Water Warning

Saturday test results and continue to boil water.

Statement from City of Wakefield: Wakefield, MI. (April 29, 2023) - On Friday, April 28, 2023, the City of Wakefield collected two sets of water samples (morning and afternoon) approximately eight hours apart from our municipal water supply. The samples were collected from the City's source water sampling point and two locations within the City's distribution system. The City's source water sampling point is where the raw water from the aquifer enters our water system before the addition of chlorine and fluoride.

The morning samples returned with all negative results from the testing locations. However, the tests are considered inconclusive, as they were drawn within twenty-four hours of disinfection activity of our well casing and well shaft. Residual chlorine from the disinfection process may have influenced the raw water sample. The afternoon samples returned three negative results from both distribution sites and one source water sampling point. The remaining source water sampling point returned a positive for E.coli. Therefore, the Water Boil Advisory remains in effect.

The City continues to work closely and in coordination with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, Kleiman Pump and Well Drilling, and the Western Upper Peninsula Health Department to identify appropriate actions. At this time, we cannot estimate when the Water Boil Advisory will be lifted.

Municipal water customers of the Gogebic Range Water Authority (Bessemer Township, Ironwood Township, and Wakefield Township) are included in the Water Boil Advisory.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Dave Semenak, Water Operator, at 906.364.2886.