

## Lower Manganese in Water Means No Health Issue—for Anyone, of Any Age

The level of manganese in the Berwick town water is now well below the U.S. EPA Health Advisory level of 0.3 mg/L (ppm) and is expected to stay there. The 10-day average of water produced by the Berwick water treatment plant is currently 0.095, which is less than one third of the Health Advisory level. Even infants and children less than one-year old face no risk from this level of manganese.

In fact, the water has already remained below 0.3 mg/L for weeks, but it was important to make sure there was little chance that it would bounce back to a higher level.

The Water Department's permanent solution to high manganese in the river water is in the final planning stages. Depending on weather and contractor availability it may be possible to install it before the end of the year.

The Water Department understands that some properties are still having issues with colored water. It may even come and go unpredictably. We would be happy to help you resolve the issue. Please call the treatment plant at 698-1231 for more information.

Bottled water will no longer be available for pick-up.