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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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The Warm Springs Water Treatment Plant had a turbidity exceedance event beginning in the afternoon of October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 through the afternoon of October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Due to a shortage of a chemical used to coagulate the particles in the water, the turbidity of the treated water reached was higher than allowable. Turbidity is a measurement of the number and size of particles in the treated water and suggests a measure of the effectiveness of the filtration process.

At no time during the turbidity exceedance event was the disinfection process compromised with chlorine levels exceeding the minimum EPA requirement of 0.2 mg/L. Chlorine levels in our system average about 0.8 mg/L. Also, it has been suggested that other contaminants entered our system which is entirely untrue.

At this time, as a consumer, you are not required to do anything. This notification is meant to keep you, the consumer, informed of any unusual events that occur in your public drinking water system. Our staff will be temporarily increasing the testing frequency for bacteria and chlorine levels in addition to flushing parts of the system to assure your safety as a consumer. If any unusual results or contaminants are indicated we will inform the community of those issues and provide technical assistance on how to address those.

If you have further questions regarding this incident, please contact the Public Utilities Branch at (541) 553-3246 or the Environmental Health office at (541) 553-4943.

