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**Boil Water Advisory Still In Effect for Purchasing Water Systems of
Public Wholesale Water Supply District No. 23**

TOPEKA, Kan. – The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has rescinded a boil water advisory for Public Wholesale Water Supply District No. 23. The advisory was issued because of high turbidity. High turbidity may result in a loss of chlorine residuals and bacterial contamination. Laboratory testing samples collected from Public Wholesale Water Supply District No. 23 indicate no evidence of contamination and all other conditions that placed the system at risk of contamination are deemed by KDHE officials to be resolved.

However, the boil water advisory is still in effect for the purchasing water systems below:

City of Altoona	Coal Hollow Water Company	Wilson Co. RWD No. 4
City of Buffalo	Montgomery Co. RWD No. 9	Wilson Co. RWD No. 5
City of Fall River	Neosho Co. RWD No. 3	Wilson Co. RWD No. 7
City of Fredonia	Neosho Co. RWD No. 4	Wilson Co. RWD No. 10
City of Galesburg	Wilson Co. RWD No. 1	Wilson Co. RWD No. 11
City of Thayer	Wilson Co. RWD No. 2	Wilson Co. RWD No. 13

The advisory took effect on January 4, 2018 and will remain in effect for each individual water purchasing systems until final testing of water from each purchasing system suggests it is free of contamination.

KDHE will provide an update on each individual purchasing system when the boil water advisory for that purchasing system has been rescinded.

In the meantime, customers should continue to observe the following precautions until further notice:

- Boil water for one minute prior to drinking or food preparation, or use bottled water.
- Dispose of ice cubes and do not use ice from a household automatic icemaker.
- Disinfect dishes and other food contact surfaces by immersion for at least one minute in clean tap water that contains one teaspoon of unscented household bleach per gallon of water.
- Water used for bathing does not generally need to be boiled. Supervision of children is necessary while bathing so that water is not ingested. Persons with cuts or severe rashes may wish to consult their physicians.
- If your tap water appears dirty, flush the water lines by letting the water run until it clears.

Public water suppliers in Kansas take all measures necessary to notify customers quickly after a system failure. Regardless of whether it is the supplier or KDHE that announces a boil water advisory, KDHE will issue the rescind order following testing at a certified laboratory.

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