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Boil Water Advisory Rescinded for the City of Atchison and Doniphan Co. Rural Water District 5

TOPEKA – The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has rescinded a boil water advisory for the City of Atchison and Doniphan Co. Rural Water District 5. 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 the City of Atchison and Doniphan Co. Rural Water District 5 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.

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

Atchison Co Rural Water District 1	Atchison Co Rural Water District 6
Atchison Co Rural Water District 3	City of Lancaster
Atchison Co Rural Water District 5C	Doniphan Co Rural Water District 3

The advisory took effect on March 19 and will remain in effect for individual purchasing system until final testing of water indicates it is free of contamination. KDHE will provide an update for each individual purchasing system when the boil water advisory for that system has been rescinded.

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.

If you have questions, please contact the water system or you may call KDHE at 785-296-1317. For consumer information please visit KDHE's PWS Consumer Information webpage:

http://www.kdheks.gov/pws/emergencyresponse/water_disruption.htm

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