

II. INFORMATION ON POTENTIAL RISKS CONCERNING CHANGES IN DISINFECTANTS

This notice is a precautionary measure to inform our customers of a change in our water supply disinfectant. These changes have been known to pose risks or concerns to those who have the following:

Those who depend on Dialysis Machines - A condition known as *hemolytic anemia* can occur if the disinfectant is not completely removed from the water that is used for the dialysate. The pretreatment used for the dialysis units must include some means, such as a charcoal filter, for removing the chloramine prior to this date.

Medical facilities should also determine if additional precautions are required for other medical equipment.

Persons with Eczema or sensitive skin should also be cautious of this disinfection change. Disinfectants may irritate those with sensitive skin.

Persons who work or patron Hair Salons, and those who chemically treat their hair at home, should also be aware that changes in disinfectant may have an effect on color treated or chemically treated hair.

In addition, disinfected water may be toxic to fish. If you have a fish tank, you may also need to change the type of filter that you use for the fish tank.

Waterworks advises our customers with sensitivities to disinfectants, such as those listed above, take proper precaution by removing the disinfectants from your water. For those using a filter, make sure that they are designed to remove chlorine and/or ammonia. Remember to change your filter as directed by the manufacturer. Not changing the filter can cause bacteria to accumulate, posing added health risks.

