



DISTRICT CHLORINATION PLAN

Snoqualmie Pass Utility District began chlorinating the public water system on January 27, 2018 after a major water system failure, and will continue chlorinating the water system through the summer months. Our goal is to complete the tasks listed below this summer so that we can discuss turning the chlorination system off at the September 10th board meeting.

The chlorination of our water system was initiated after a major leak that occurred on January 24, 2018 after a Pass-wide power loss that caused the water system to depressurize. Chlorine is added as a disinfectant barrier to protect human health from possible pathways of contamination. District staff continues to flush hydrants and collect samples to ensure that the proper amount of chlorine is being added and to ensure that the water is safe to drink.

The District plans to continue chlorination to ensure that the water system remains safe to drink during the winter season. By waiting until the winter ski season concludes to discontinue disinfection, we will avoid impacting our local businesses and residents. The District will not risk turning the chlorination system off only to face a second “boil water” order that would impact our residents again and require our local businesses to close.

District staff also needs the chlorination to continue so that a disinfectant barrier is present while they flush all the hydrants throughout the District. Staff must also ensure that all service areas within the District have an acceptable chlorine residual per state law. This will take time as we need warmer weather to be able to access and flush the hydrants safely and properly.

The District also has several projects this summer that can benefit from chlorine being added to the water system. The District will be installing over 200 new water meters, making repairs to water mains, and cleaning the three water reservoirs. All of these projects will benefit from a disinfectant barrier to protect human health from possible contamination.

The District recently sent out a cross-connection control survey to all District residents. The District needs all property owners to complete the survey accurately and completely, and then return the survey to the District office. Staff needs time to review these completed surveys and confirm that all water customers have the proper backflow prevention devices installed and inspected so there is no backflow or contamination occurring with the public water system.

The District appreciates both the positive and negative feedback regarding chlorine being added to the water system. The Commissioners and the General Manger are listening but also have to do what is right for the District as a whole. The District will not take, or fail to take, any actions that put public health at risk.

If you have any question regarding the District's chlorination plan or any other matter regarding your utility service you may contact the General Manager or the Commissioners at any time. The District board meetings are held the second Monday of each month at the local fire station. The meetings start at 6:00 pm and the public is invited to make comments on agenda and non-agenda items.

Thank you for your patience and understanding,

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