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Groton Water Department Customer,

Our records at the Town Clerk's office indicate that you may have a child under the age of one year old. Earlier this year, our manganese level began testing above the Current Massachusetts Regulatory Limit for children less than one year of age. The regulatory limit from Massachusetts DEP is 0.3 ppm (parts per million). Our sample results can be found on our website www.grotonwater.org.

We are currently working with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection on a treatment plan. In the meantime, we have installed a water filter on our kitchen sink tap in the 1st floor Lunch Room. This filtered water is being offered to our customers and the Groton Community free of charge. All you need to do is come to the Town Hall during normal working hours with your own containers and fill them.

Current Massachusetts Regulatory Limit

Office of Research and Standards Guideline:

Target Population	Exposure Period	ORSG, mg/L (ppm)
General Population	Lifetime	0.3
General Population	10-day	1.0
Infants/Children less than 1 year of age	<10 days	0.3

Federal Regulatory Limit

The US EPA has not published a Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for manganese. It does have a secondary MCL (SMCL) (<http://water.epa.gov/drink/contaminants/index.cfm>) and Health advisory values for manganese) https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2014-09/documents/support_ccl_magnese_dwreport_0.pdf).

Please visit our website www.grotonwater.org for additional information.

If you have any health concerns, please consult your physician.

The Board of Water Commissioners and Water Department Staff shall continue to update our website with progress of resolving the issue with the Department of Environmental Protection. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office for additional information at 978-448-1122.

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