

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

### **City/ Town of Poughkeepsie Failed to Meet Public Water System Reporting Requirements for Cyber Safety**

The New York State Sanitary Code requires certain water systems to develop and keep up to date water supply emergency plans which includes an analysis of vulnerability to cyber-attack. These plans must be submitted to the New York State Department of Health for review and approval at least once every 5 years.

Our water system was issued a violation on July 20, 2022 for not submitting our analysis of vulnerability to cyber- attack, and then received a second violation for not taking the required corrective actions on January 10, 2023.

Although **this is not an emergency**, and **it does not impact the quality of your drinking water**; as our customers, you have a right to know about these procedural violations and understand the corrective measures our water system has taken.

#### **What is being done?**

The analysis was completed and filed with the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health on January 19, 2023. The violation was closed out by the New York State Department of Health on January 24, 2023.

#### **What should I do?**

There is nothing you need to do. You may continue to drink the water as your water quality has not been impacted.

You do not need to boil your water or take any other corrective actions. Should a situation arise where the water is not safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.

#### **What does this mean?**

This is not an emergency. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

For more information, please contact Water Plant Administrator, Randy Alstadt at 845 451-4173 x2003 (email: [ralstadt@pokwater.com](mailto:ralstadt@pokwater.com)) or Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health, Senior Public Health Engineer, James Teed at 845 486-3404 (email: [ehs@dutchessny.gov](mailto:ehs@dutchessny.gov)).

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by the Poughkeepsies' Water Treatment Facility, State Water System ID# NY1302774.

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