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Regular Drinking Water Use Returns for Blue Mountain Customers

New $2.6 million treatment facility reduces manganese levels below the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) health advisory level

SCRANTON, PA (March 26, 2025)—Pennsylvania American Water today announced the completion of a new treatment facility to reduce manganese levels at Blue Mountain Lakes. Construction on the $2.6 million facility began in December 2024 and was completed earlier this month.

"Upon receiving test results that indicated elevated manganese levels in May 2024, our engineering team promptly initiated the design of a treatment facility to reduce these levels to below the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) health advisory level," said Tony Nokovich, Vice President of Engineering at Pennsylvania American Water. "Pennsylvania American Water collaborated with the state Department of Environmental Protection to obtain all necessary permits for construction and operational implementation."

All necessary testing has been completed, and permits have been issued. The new facility includes treatment equipment, a clearwell to hold treated water, and a booster pump station.

“Thank you to Pennsylvania American Water for promptly addressing elevated manganese levels," said State Senator Rosemary Brown. "Ensuring we have access to high-quality drinking water is vital for our well-being, and their efforts to mitigate the manganese have made a real difference for our residents in Blue Mountain Lake."

The drinking water provided to customers in Blue Mountain Lakes is now compliant with the USEPA Health Advisory Level and can be used for all purposes. The new treatment building is adjacent to the existing Well 3 facilities on the Pennsylvania American Water property next to Blue Mountain Crossing.

"We are immensely pleased and grateful for Pennsylvania American Water’s new treatment facility," said State Representative Tarah Probst. "Thank you for prioritizing the needs of Blue Mountain Lakes residents."

In May 2024, the company informed customers of elevated manganese levels in Well 3, which supplies the Blue Mountain Lake water system. The elevated manganese levels prompted a drinking water advisory.

"The new treatment system has reduced the level of manganese in Well 3 to levels below the EPA Health Advisory Level. We're proud of our team's work to address this issue and the results their efforts have yielded," said Brandy Braun, director of water quality and environmental compliance for Pennsylvania American Water.

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