

**UNITED WATER NEW JERSEY
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Dear Customer:

United Water Mid-Atlantic is required to monitor your drinking water. We do this not only to comply with all water quality regulations but also to ensure the safety and purity of your water supply.

Quarterly samples of your drinking water showed levels of sodium higher than the recommended guideline in New Jersey. While the state guideline calls for a maximum of 50 milligrams per liter, our tests reveal that your water system consistently tests higher.

According to state officials, you should not be alarmed about these levels unless you are carefully monitoring your sodium intake. If the level of sodium in the water supply were at 50 milligrams per liter, it would be equivalent of eating between three and four saltine crackers.

Sodium is derived geologically from the leaching of surface and underground deposits of salts (e.g., sodium chloride) and from the decomposition of sodium aluminum silicates and similar minerals. The sodium ion is a major constituent of natural waters. Human activities also contribute sodium to water supplies, primarily through the use of sodium chloride as a deicing agent, and the use of washing products. Based on the available studies, it appears that insufficient evidence is available to conclude whether or not sodium in drinking water causes an elevation of blood pressure in the general population. It has been estimated that food accounts for approximately 90 percent of the daily intake of sodium, whereas drinking water contributes up to the remaining 10 percent. For healthy persons, the sodium content of water is unimportant because the intake from salt is so much greater, but for persons placed on a low-sodium diet because of heart, kidney, circulatory ailments, or complications in pregnancy, sodium in water must be considered.

If you have any questions, please feel welcome to give me a call.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ronald Wund'.

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