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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

United Water routinely monitors the drinking water to ensure that it meets the standards set by United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Jersey Division of Environmental Protection (DEP). While the EPA does not have a maximum level for sodium in drinking water, the NJDEP has a recommended upper limit (RUL) of 50 parts per million (ppm).

2008 test results show that United Water exceeded the RUL for sodium. The highest running annual averages at the Haworth Water Treatment Plant and the Upper Saddle River wells were 66 ppm and 57 ppm, respectively, with a range of results of 32 ppm to 93 ppm. The highest running annual average at Wyandotte Well and High Mountain Well in the Franklin Lakes System was 44 ppm and 87 ppm, respectively, with a range of results of 35 ppm to 97 ppm.

First quarter 2009 test results show that United Water exceeded the RUL for sodium. The highest running annual averages at the Haworth Water Treatment Plant and the Upper Saddle River wells were 66 ppm and 65 ppm, respectively, with a range of results of 60 ppm to 141 ppm. The highest running annual average at Wyandotte Well and High Mountain Well in the Franklin Lakes System was 57 ppm and 85 ppm, respectively, with a range of results of 86 ppm to 89 ppm.

According to the DEP, for healthy individuals, the sodium intake from water is not important because a much greater intake of sodium takes place from salt in the diet. However, elevated levels of sodium may be a concern for persons on a sodium restricted diet. If you have any concerns, please consult your health care provider.

Road salt run-off affecting our source water quality is the leading cause of elevated sodium levels in the drinking water supply. We are meeting with communities within our source water area to discuss options for minimizing use of and/or alternatives to road salt.

For more information, please call 1.800.422.5987.
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