



PHARMACEUTICALS & OTHER BY-PRODUCTS

Our mission at the Hopkinsville Water Environment Authority is to protect the health of our customers by supplying clean, safe, and reliable drinking water.

In response to customer concerns about recently published news articles that list trace amounts of pharmaceuticals and or other by-products which may be detected in drinking water, we observe a lack of research which demonstrates a measurable impact of these trace pollutants on human health.

Since there is not a cost effective method to conduct a "blanket" water test which detects every parameter of concern, we have elected to simply monitor the issue closely with guidance from Federal, State and local drinking water organizations and professionals.

In addition, we have elected to maintain the certification of our drinking water laboratory which is one of a very few municipal laboratories to be certified by the State of Kentucky. This certification allows HWEA staff to routinely conduct indicator tests to verify that our drinking water consistently meets or surpasses regulations mandated in the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Act.

As the science and understanding of the matter advances, please rest assured we will take any and all necessary steps and precautions to protect the health of our customers.

For more information on this and or any other water quality issue, please click on the following American Water Works Association link:

<http://www.drinktap.org/consumerdnn/Home/WaterInformation/WaterQuality/PharmaceuticalsPPCPs/tabid/73/Default.aspx>