

Date: December 23, 2020

# UNSAFE WATER ALERT

**The La Valle Waterworks water is contaminated  
with benzene at 112 µg/L(micrograms per liter)**

## DO NOT DRINK YOUR WATER

Benzene has been detected in La Valle's drinking water at 112 µg/L. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and La Valle Waterworks are advising residents of the Village of La Valle to NOT USE THE TAP WATER FOR DRINKING AND COOKING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Long-term exposure to benzene can increase the risk of developing leukemia, cause anemia, and weaken the immune system. You should follow this advisory to reduce your risk for these health effects.

When benzene concentrations are greater than 100 µg/L, the lifetime risk of cancer is more than 1 case in 10,000 people. EPA considers a cancer risk of 1 in 100,000,000 to 1 in 10,000 to be acceptable.

### *What should I do?*

**DO NOT DRINK YOUR TAP WATER---USE ONLY BOTTLED WATER.** *Bottled water should be used for all drinking (including baby formula and juice), brushing teeth, making ice and food preparation until further notice.*

### OPTIONS

We will inform you when tests show that the water is safe to drink again. We expect to resolve the problem within 2 months. We are taking the following actions to address this situation: Coordinating the installation of temporary water treatment facilities at Well #1 and developing a new Municipal Well & Wellhouse #2.

- *Bottled water will be available at the Village's Public Works Shop (210 Commercial Street) on December 24, 2020, December 28, 2020 and December 30, 2020 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Beginning January 4, 2021 residents can pick up a one case of bottled water per day on Monday, Wednesday, and/or Friday between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or by appointment.*

For more information call:

Water Utility Contact: Jerry Craker, DPW, (608)985-6300; Rockie Sobeck, Village President (608)985-8383

DNR Contact: Amy Kubly 608-219-3068

DHS Contact: Sarah Yang 608-334-3841

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