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Boil Advisory Issued for Hughes County Rural Water District #2

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has advised Hughes County RWD #2, located in Hughes County, to inform consumers of the drinking water that it is unsafe for human consumption due to the failure to maintain adequate pressure, the insufficient chlorine-residual concentration, and the high turbidity in the water.

To ensure the water is safe for human consumption, water served from Hughes County RWD #2 should be vigorously boiled for one minute before drinking, use in food preparation, washing dishes or brushing teeth.

Retail food establishments served by Hughes County RWD #2 should contact the local health department for instructions.

The advisory to boil water will remain in effect until the water system ensures that chlorination can be adequately maintained and that, if necessary, any required corrections to structural systems or operational practices have been made. DEQ will require that proper testing of water samples indicates an absence of total coliform bacteriological contaminants before suspending this advisory.

Federal law requires that consumers be notified when a public water supply exceeds certain maximum contaminant levels and might be harmful to the health of consumers.

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