

Boil Water Advisory, West High Zone - 7/31/20

A boil advisory is required by DEQ when water pressure drops below 25psi. This City of Lawton is issuing the boil advisory out of an abundance of caution, it is a voluntary precaution only as there may have been localized areas of low pressure below the threshold.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What exactly occurred—what series of events led up to this?

A: We are investigating issues which led to this event to gain greater detail and understanding. We will make this information available to the public with updates as it is received.

Q: What factors will determine how long this order may be in place?

A: Once all-clear Bac-T samples are confirmed, the order will be lifted. Eta is 24 hours from start of testing.

Q: Has the water potentially been dangerous prior to this “boil order”? In other words, if I live in that area and consumed a large amount of water 20 mins ago, should I be concerned?

A: No, it is not expected that harmful bacteria growth occurred, the boil order is of a precautionary nature only.

Q: Would the water be considered safe if it was ran through a filter? (I.e., a Brita filter)

A: No, home filtration systems are not effective in this case. In order to ensure no harmful bacteria is present water must be boiled for a full minute.

Q: Who takes the water samples and how does that work?

A: Samples will be taken by Medicine Park Water Treatment Plant staff and tested at the lab on site. At the conclusion of the test, results will be disseminated via the City Manager's Office to the community when they are received.