

Metropolitan Utilities District Statement on Drinking Water Quality - 8.18.22

Metropolitan Utilities District (the District) is aware of the news of a child's death possibly connected to an amoeba (N. fowleri) contracted from swimming in the Elkhorn River. The District is monitoring the situation and is in contact with state and Douglas County health officials.

There is no risk when drinking water treated by the District. The water supply continues to be safe for drinking and other domestic uses and meets all federal and state standards.

The District operates three water treatment facilities which provide multiple barriers of protection. The treatment processes are effective in removing and killing the amoeba. The water goes through a multi-step process including clarification, disinfection and filtration. In addition, the District maintains a level of disinfectant residual to protect water quality throughout its distribution system.

For other information, please visit the District's website at https://www.mudomaha.com/our-company/our-services/water.

About Metropolitan Utilities District: The mission of the Metropolitan Utilities District, headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska, is to provide safe, reliable and cost-effective natural gas and water services to our community. Overall, the District serves approximately 700,000 people in the metro area. The District is the fifth largest public natural gas utility in the United States, serving more than 235,000 customer-owners in Omaha, Bennington, Fort Calhoun, Springfield, Yutan and Bellevue. The District also provides safe, high quality drinking water to more than 222,000 customer-owners in Omaha, Bellevue, Bennington, Carter Lake, La Vista, Ralston, Waterloo and the Papio-Missouri Natural Resources District (which supplies water to Fort Calhoun). For more information, visit mudomaha.com.