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Chlorine to temporarily disinfect Southern Pines Water Supply

The Town of Southern Pines Water Department will temporarily change the method of disinfection used in its public water supply, beginning March 01, 2015.

The Water Department normally uses chloramine, a controlled mixture of ammonia and chlorine, to disinfect water. Beginning Sunday March 01 and until Wednesday April 01, the Water Department will use chlorine only, also known as "Free Chlorine". The periodic and temporary conversion from chloramines to free chlorine, which is a normal procedure for water systems, ensures water safety in distribution lines and the highest quality of drinking water.

Free chlorine is a stronger disinfectant than chloramine. As a result, the users may experience a slight change in the aesthetics of their water during conversion, including a noticeable "chlorine odor" and slight discoloration. Most symptoms should lessen after the first few days and do not affect the safety of the water supply.

The Water Department will monitor chlorine levels and water quality standards in the distribution system on a daily basis to ensure the safety of the water and that all state and regulatory standards are met.

For more information, please call David McKew, Water Treatment Plant Supt, at (910) 281-4719 or visit the town website at www.southernpines.net and go to the Town Services, Public Works, Water Treatment Plant page and click "Frequently Asked Questions".