



THE CITY OF  
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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**MEDIA ADVISORY: Temporary Water Discoloration in Area West of Canton**

CANTON, Ohio – This is a public service announcement from the City of Canton Water Department. As has been reported in the newspapers, a significant quantity of drilling mud was dumped into the Beach Street Quarry, which is located near the City's Sugarcreek wellfield. This wellfield is one of the main sources of Canton's drinking water. Rover Pipeline, Ohio EPA, and the City are taking a number of measures to protect our drinking water. Among the precautionary steps Canton is taking is reducing the amount of water we pump from the Sugarcreek wellfield and increasing the amount of water we draw from the Northwest wellfield, measures we intend to continue until the drilling mud has been removed.

The increased pumping at the Northwest wellfield has had the unintended consequence of discoloring the water in an area west of Canton, specifically along Tuscarawas Street West between Whipple Avenue on the east and Perry Drive on the west, and several blocks north and south. The discolored water is due to an increase in the amount of iron sediment. The iron is not coming from the drilling mud and is not a health concern, although it can change the taste and odor of the water and cause staining.

To minimize the undesirable consequences, the City is working on different pumping combinations and has begun hydrant flushing. We are hopeful that the drilling mud will be removed from the quarry in a matter of weeks, at which time we plan to resume normal pumping from the Sugarcreek wellfield. This should resolve the taste, odor, and staining issues currently being experienced by our customers.

Although this situation is temporary, we do understand that it is inconvenient to our residents and want to express our appreciation for your patience.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Water Dispatch at (330) 489-3315.