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PUBLIC NOTICE

SOUTH MARTIN REGIONAL UTILITY (SMRU) WATER CUSTOMERS

To maintain the water quality in the South Martin Regional Utility (SMRU) water system, SMRU is joining with Martin County to temporarily change the method of chlorinating drinking water beginning **January 1, 2023** through **January 15, 2023**. The change will be **temporary** and will not cause any adverse health effects. The disinfectant at the water plants will be changed from chloramines, which is currently used, to free chlorine. During this **two-week period**, SMRU will also be flushing fire hydrants in the service area. These procedures are being done to ensure the continued quality of the drinking water system and are a part of a regularly scheduled maintenance program.

During this change in the disinfection process, some customers may notice a chlorine odor and/or taste in the water. Flushing of the hydrants may result in cloudy or discolored water and reduced water pressures. Again, these conditions will be temporary and will not cause any adverse health effects.

Customers who are on home dialysis machines should consult their physicians for special instructions concerning this matter. Owners of tropical fish aquariums and managers of stores and restaurants with fish and shellfish tanks should contact their local tropical fish store for advice before adding water to your aquariums. Managers of residential or commercial properties need to advise their residents/tenants of this public notice.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience you may experience during this time. Please keep in mind this is necessary to provide safe water for the customers of the SMRU water system. **If you have any questions concerning these procedures, please contact South Martin Regional Utility Customer Service at 772-546-2511.**

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