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This is my formal comment on water quality conditions as I experience them in the south side.

I can taste the difference between morning and evening water, and the evening water is usually harsher.

The smell of chlorine is strongest in the winter, and it lingers on my hands after washing dishes.

The water often has a noticeable chlorine smell after long weekends away, which makes it unpleasant to drink straight from the tap.

The water in our toilet tank has a visible layer of grit that I have to scrub out regularly.

The water runs cloudy for a few minutes after long weekends away, and the haze takes a while to settle in a glass.

Chlorine is necessary, but I think the amount used after the utility flushes the hydrants is higher than it needs to be.

My child developed skin irritation that cleared up only after we started using filtered water for baths.

People with weakened immune systems in our community need specific advisories whenever a problem is detected.

Residents deserve to see trends over many years, not only a single snapshot of the current results.

Local schools should test their drinking fountains regularly and make the results public.

I would be glad to help organize a neighborhood meeting with the utility to discuss water quality concerns.

I remain hopeful that, with proper funding and oversight, we can restore confidence in our water supply.