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I am writing to give feedback on the quality of the water from the kitchen faucet in the south side. Guests have commented on the taste of the water, and I am honestly a little embarrassed to serve it. I have stopped cooking rice and pasta with tap water because the flavor of the food changes. Laundry that should come out white sometimes ends up with orange or gray stains. My white sinks and tubs develop stubborn stains that no ordinary cleaner removes. People with weakened immune systems in our community need specific advisories whenever a problem is detected. Pregnant women and infants are the most vulnerable, so safety margins should be strict and well communicated. A schedule for replacing lead service lines should be published, with clear dates and street-by-street progress. Local schools should test their drinking fountains regularly and make the results public. Fishing and recreation on the nearby river depend on healthy source water, so protecting the watershed benefits everyone. Environmental groups in the region have valuable data, and I think the utility should partner with them more openly. My hope is that this comment, together with many others, will push the project toward real improvements.