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I have lived in the downtown district for four years and I want to share my concerns about the quality of our drinking water.

The water runs cloudy for a few minutes during the summer months, and the haze takes a while to settle in a glass.

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

The level of disinfection byproducts in treated water should be disclosed clearly and in plain language.

I would like to know how often the system tests for bacteria such as E. coli and coliform.

Several neighbors have reported stomach upset that they suspect is linked to the water, though nobody can prove it.

I do not want to be an alarmist, but the uncertainty about long-term exposure makes it hard to feel at ease.

Repeated pressure drops when the weather turns hot suggest that the distribution system needs serious investment.

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

Clear explanations of what each limit means and how close our results come to it would help enormously.

I urge decision-makers to treat water quality as a long-term commitment and not a crisis-by-crisis response.