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My family relies on the water coming out of our taps, and lately we have had reasons to question whether it is truly safe.
The water often has a noticeable chlorine smell on some days but not others, which makes it unpleasant to drink straight from the tap.
My dog sniffs at the water bowl and walks away when I fill it from the tap, which tells me something is off.
My white sinks and tubs develop stubborn stains that no ordinary cleaner removes.
I would like to know how often the system tests for bacteria such as E. coli and coliform.
Radon and uranium in groundwater can be a hidden problem, and I do not think residents are informed enough.
Lead pipes and solder in older plumbing remain a serious risk, and homeowners need help identifying them.
We have had to buy bottled water for formula preparation because we do not trust the tap.
I do not want to be an alarmist, but the uncertainty about long-term exposure makes it hard to feel at ease.
Public health should be the first consideration when decisions are made about treatment and funding.
Treatment plant upgrades have been delayed repeatedly, and residents are left to cope with the consequences.
The pump station near us hums loudly and the pressure fluctuates, which makes me doubt that it is properly maintained.
The boil-water notice last year arrived after we had already been drinking the water for nearly a day.
Clean, safe, and good-tasting water is a reasonable expectation, and I hope we can meet it soon.