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This is my formal comment on water quality conditions as I experience them in our apartment complex.
There is sometimes a faint rotten-egg odor when I run the hot water, which suggests something is wrong in the system.
I can taste the difference between morning and evening water, and the evening water is usually harsher.
Laundry that should come out white sometimes ends up with orange or gray stains.
Algae blooms in the reservoir have been reported, and I want to be sure toxins are properly screened for.
Nitrate levels from nearby farm runoff are a worry, especially for households with infants.
Our family doctor asked whether we drink from the tap, which made me realize this is a real health question.
Public health should be the first consideration when decisions are made about treatment and funding.
Many of the water mains in the downtown district are more than seventy years old and break far too often.
Sampling locations should include older neighborhoods and not just the sites that are easiest to reach.
Rebates for filters and plumbing replacement would make a real difference for low-income households.
I have started hauling jugs from the store, which is exhausting and not sustainable for an older person like me.
Renters like me cannot replace pipes or fixtures, so we depend completely on the quality delivered to the building.
Thank you for taking the time to read this, and I hope the feedback leads to concrete action.