

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

### North Charlotte Water Works Has Levels of Combined Radium (226 & 228) and Gross Alpha Particle Activity Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did (are doing) to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. On August 11, 2026, we received notice that the samples collected in July 2025, October 2025, January 2026 and June 2026 have a running annual average\* that exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for Combined Radium – 226 & 228. The MCL for Combined Radium-226 & 228 is 5 picocuries per liter (pCi/L). Combined Radium-226 & 228 was found at 5.76 pCi/L.

Additionally, On August 11, 2026, we received notice that the sample collected in June 2026 showed that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for Gross Alpha Activity. The standard for Gross Alpha Activity is 15.0 pCi/L. Gross Alpha Activity was found at 15.3 pCi/L.

#### What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do. Do not boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your healthcare providers about drinking this water.

#### What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. However, Some people who drink water containing radium 226 or 228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

#### What is being done?

CSWR – Florida Utility Operating Company (UOC) is currently operating this facility under a court-appointed receivership. We are actively working to secure a new drinking water source that will provide your community with improved water quality. This new source will be delivering water to customers as soon as possible. In the meantime, we are taking steps to enhance treatment efficiency by increasing preventive maintenance efforts to ensure the continued safety and reliability of your water service.

*\*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.\**

This notice is being sent to you by North Charlotte Water Works

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\*The annual running average is the average of sample results for a specific contaminant collected over the most recent four consecutive quarters.