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## Water Quality Concerns due to Flooding

Raytown Water Company asks residents to conserve water to help with Kansas City's challenge of treating Missouri River water that has been made murky by recent flooding.

"Conserving water could help reduce the impact of flooding conditions on the treatment plant and help meet treatment needs", per KC Water.

"Melting snow, rain runoff and high flood waters changed the water quality of the Missouri River.

The change in water quality has affected KC Water's ability to filter the water. KC Water reported the issue to the [Missouri Department of Natural Resources](#) on Friday.

Although the state doesn't consider the issue an emergency, a mandatory alert was needed to notify people with compromised immune systems, infants or the elderly that they could be at increased risk.

Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches," KC Water said in a written statement.

"Because of the flooding, people also might continue to notice changes in the taste and color of their tap water that began last week."

"The utility expects the treatment problems to be resolved as the Missouri River returns to normal levels."

*"KC Water operates and maintains 2,800 miles of pipe that deliver water to about 500,000 residents and 32 wholesale customers in the region, according to its 2018 water quality report."*

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