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Santee Sioux Nation Remains Under Manganese Drinking Water Advisory

LENEXA, KAN. (OCT. 10, 2025): U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 would like to clarify the following information after receiving community feedback on the status of the Santee Sioux Nation's drinking water advisory for manganese.

EPA's [Oct. 2, 2025, press release](#) does not change the status of the previously issued drinking water advisory for manganese, and **Santee Sioux Nation remains under a drinking water advisory for manganese** above the [EPA Health Advisory levels](#).

Based on the EPA Health Advisory levels, Santee Sioux Nation issued public notices recommending that water from the public drinking water system **not be consumed**. The Tribe continues to supply residents with bottled water as an alternate water source, and water from the public drinking water system **can be used for bathing and washing dishes and clothes**.

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