



MEMORANDUM

To: Customers of the Schreiber Water System
From: Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority
Subject: Notice of Well Drilling Activities
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2026

The Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority has hired Claverack Well and Pump Service to drill test wells in your area as part of our effort to improve the reliability and quality of the Schreiber Water System.

Thanks to the community's cooperation over the past year, this work has been fully funded by a Dutchess County Community Development Block Grant, and [there is no cost to customers](#).

Project Purpose

As customers are aware, Schreiber's water contains elevated levels of naturally occurring radiological contaminants, including radium and gross alpha activity, that currently exceed health-based drinking water standards.

This work is part of a phased approach to address these water quality issues and to provide additional source redundancy for long-term reliability.

What to Expect

Field work includes drilling two test wells, followed by pumping (flow) tests and water quality sampling. During this time, you may notice drilling equipment, support vehicles, and some truck traffic near the work area.

Typical work hours will be Monday through Friday, between approximately 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., although some activities may extend beyond these hours if needed to complete specific testing procedures.

This work will be noisy, but it will not interrupt your normal water service. You may continue to use water as you normally would.

Tentative Schedule

Site preparation: May 1-8

Well drilling: May 4-15

Flow testing and sampling: May 10-20

All dates are approximate and may shift depending on weather and site conditions.

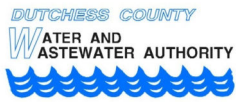
Current Status

Preliminary results are encouraging. The first test well intercepted a water-bearing fracture at about 485 feet below the surface, which is more than 1,000 feet shallower than the system's existing well. Because naturally occurring radioactivity tends to increase with depth, this new well is expected to contain lower levels of radium. Water quality testing over the coming weeks will confirm whether this is the case.

Early indications of well yield are also positive. At the end of development, the first test well produced almost 20 gallons per minute, which is more than sufficient to meet Schreiber's typical demand. However, formal pumping and drawdown testing has not yet been completed and will be necessary to confirm the well's long-term capacity.

What's Next

Once the wells are completed and tested, the project will move into a second phase, during which one or both wells may be brought into service. This phase is expected to be funded through a New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation Water Infrastructure Improvement Act grant, with no anticipated increase in customer costs.



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While we hope that the first two phases will result in full compliance, additional treatment may need to be evaluated based on final blended water quality. Funding for this third phase, if necessary to meet drinking water standards, has not yet been secured.

DCWWA will continue to work closely with regulatory partners and pursue all available grant funding to provide Schreiber customers with safe, reliable drinking water while minimizing additional costs.

Questions?

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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Thank you for your cooperation as we complete this important work.