SYSTEM NOTICE

Schreiber Water System

October 16, 2026

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Radiological MCL Exceedance – 3rd Quarter
Schreiber Water System
Supply ID 1315971

Why are you receiving this notice / information?

You are receiving this notice because water testing of the public water system detected levels of radiological contaminants *Combined Radium 226 and 228 in* your drinking water that exceed New York State's maximum contaminant level (MCL) for *Combined Radium of 5 pCi/l.*.

Compliance with the maximum contaminant level (MCL) is determined by a running annual average, which is the result average for samples taken at a specific monitoring location for the previous four calendar quarters.

The Schreiber Water System tests quarterly for radiological contaminants to increase monitoring of the water system.

The information presented below is a summary of the testing results for your drinking water.

Monitoring sample results for total combined radium and gross alpha activity (excluding radon and uranium) as follows:

Sample Date	Sample Data		Running Annual Average	
	Combined Radium 226 and 228 pCi/L	Gross Alpha Excluding Uranium pCi/L	Combined Radium 226 and 228 pCi/L	Gross Alpha Excluding Uranium pCi/L
12/09/2026	16.94	5.49	14.64	18.60
02/04/2026	14.14	6.51	14.57	15.59
06/25/2026	13.48	16.28	15.19	14.42
08/18/2026	8.03	14.90	13.15	10.50
		MCL	5.00	15.00

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What is being done to solve the problem and meet the MCL?

DCWWA engaged Claverack Well and Pump Service to drill two new test wells for potential development as permanent supply wells for the Schreiber Water System. Water quality testing indicated that Test Well 5 has significantly lower concentrations of Combined Radium 226 and 228 and Gross Alpha activity than the system's existing sources. Although recent sampling results have been encouraging, the Dutchess County Department of Health has determined that additional treatment will be necessary before the well can be approved as a permanent drinking water source. The preliminary development and testing were completed at no cost to Schreiber customers through a Community Development Block Grant awarded by the Dutchess County Planning Department.

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DCWWA is continuing to evaluate the improvements necessary to develop Test Well 5 as a reliable, permanent water supply for the Schreiber Water System. The project is expected to include a permanent well pump, piping, treatment facilities, and associated infrastructure to connect the new source to the existing distribution system. DCWWA is also working with the Town of Dover to pursue additional Community Development Block Grant funding to support these improvements. The ultimate goal remains to provide Schreiber customers with a dependable water supply that consistently meets State drinking water standards for radionuclides.

Preventative measures

Some practical measures you may take to reduce exposure include:

- Use bottled water for drinking and cooking.
- Install a home water softening system that includes ion exchange (salt regeneration), which can reduce radioactive materials in water.
- Install a reverse osmosis treatment process, which can assist in reducing radium levels.

What are the health effects of Combined Radium and Gross Alpha?

Combined Radium 226 and 228

Some people who drink water containing Radium 226 or 228 exceeding the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Gross Alpha Activity

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

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What is New York State doing about radiological contaminants in public drinking water?

The New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) has adopted a drinking water regulation that requires all public water systems to test for radiological contaminants. If samples are found to be above the MCL, the water supplier must take steps to lower the level to meet the standard. Exceedances of the MCL signal that steps should be taken by the water system to reduce contaminant levels.

If you have additional questions about these contaminants and your health, talk to your health care provider who is most familiar with your health history and can provide advice and assistance about understanding how drinking water may affect your health.

For further information, please contact:

Dutchess County Water & Wastewater Authority -845.486.3601

Dutchess County Behavioral and Community Health, Environmental Health Services 845-486-3404

Please share this information with other people who drink this water, especially anyone who may not get 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.

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