NOTICE TO WATER SYSTEM USERS OF *DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ORDER ISSUED*

The **City of Newport** (Water System I.D. **#59350D**), located in **Pend Oreille County**, was issued a Washington State Department of Health order on **July 30, 2026**. This notice addresses the **volatile organic chemical (VOC)** sample in that order; a separate notice addresses the nitrate sample.

The department took this action because: We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether your drinking water meets health standards. During January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2025, we did not complete all monitoring or testing for volatile organic chemicals (VOCs), and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time. The sample that was missed was the one volatile organic chemical (VOC) sample required from Source 14, one of the City's groundwater wells.

The Order directs the water system to: Take the samples as directed in the department order — collect one volatile organic chemical (VOC) sample from Source 14 no later than August 31, 2026, have it analyzed by a state-accredited laboratory, and have the laboratory report the result to the Department of Health no later than October 15, 2026.

At this time, the water system is taking the following steps to return to compliance with applicable regulatory requirements: On August 6, 2026, the City had the required volatile organic chemical (VOC) sample collected from Source 14 and delivered the same day to Anatek Labs, Inc. (Spokane, WA), a Washington-accredited drinking water laboratory. The result, reported August 13, 2026, was no volatile organic chemicals detected (every regulated VOC was below the laboratory reporting limit of 0.5 ug/L). The laboratory has reported the result directly to the Department of Health. Josh Howard, the Intern City's Public Works Superintendent and certified operator in responsible charge of the water system, is responsible for completing these corrections; he has reviewed the City's water quality sampling schedule and procedures so that every required sample is collected and reported on time going forward.

This Public Notification is being sent to comply with WAC 246-290-71001 through -72013.

For more information, contact: Josh Howard, Interim Public Works Superintendent, City of Newport (day phone) (509) 447-5611 .

This notice was: (check all that apply) *(To be completed by Water System)*

☒ Mailed to all water users on (date) 8-31-26

☐ Hand delivered to all water users on (date) _____

☐ Published in newspaper (copy attached)

☐ Posted at (location) _____ on (date) _____ *(BY DEPARTMENT APPROVAL ONLY).*

☐ (Other) *(prior approval from Department of Health required)*

SIGNATURE Josh Howard DATED 8-25-26

Josh Howard, Intern Public Works Superintendent, City of Newport

SEND A COPY OF THIS COMPLETED FORM TO the Compliance and Enforcement contact listed in the accompanying order.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

The City of Newport water system did not complete required VOC testing at one of its wells.
This is not an emergency. The August 6, 2026 follow-up sample met the drinking water standard.

Este aviso contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien. Para obtener ayuda en español, llame a la Ciudad de Newport al (509) 447-5611.

What happened?

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2025, we did not complete all monitoring or testing for volatile organic chemicals (VOCs), and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time. The sample that was missed was the one VOC sample required from Source 14, one of the ten source wells that supply the City's water system. The missed sampling occurred under the City's previous water system operator, who is no longer with the City. On July 30, 2026, the Washington State Department of Health issued the City a Notice to Correct Violation two missed samples at Source 14; this notice addresses the VOC sample and a separate notice addresses the nitrate sample.

Test (at Source 14)	Monitoring period in which the required sample was not taken	Samples required / taken	Follow-up sample collected August 6, 2026 — result
Volatile organic chemicals (VOCs) — 21 regulated chemicals such as benzene, trichloroethylene and vinyl chloride	January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2025	1 / 0	**None detected** — all below the 0.5 µg/L reporting limit and well under every Maximum Contaminant Level

µg/L = micrograms per liter (parts per billion). Analyzed by Anatek Labs, Inc., Spokane, WA, reported August 13, 2026.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time. You do not need to boil your water or use an alternative water supply. **This notice is about a missed test, not about a test that failed: it was a monitoring violation, not a water-quality violation. The follow-up sample collected on August 6, 2026 met the drinking water standard.** VOCs are man-made industrial chemicals (solvents, degreasers, fuel components) that can affect health after long-term exposure above their standards; none were detected on August 6, 2026. If you have specific health concerns, or if you are pregnant, care for an infant, or have a severely weakened immune system, you may wish to discuss your drinking water with your health care provider.

What was done, and when will this be resolved?

On August 6, 2026, the City had the required VOC sample collected at the Source 14 well site and delivered the same day to Anatek Labs, Inc., a state-accredited laboratory, which reported the result on August 13, 2026 and has reported it to the Department of Health. The City expects to be back in compliance once the Department receives the copy of this notice (due by August 31, 2026). **Josh Howard**, the City's Intern Public Works Superintendent and certified operator in responsible charge of the water system, is responsible for these corrections and for its monitoring going forward; he has reviewed the sampling schedule and procedures so that every required sample is collected and reported on time. This violation will also be reported in the City's next annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report).

For more information

Contact **Josh Howard, Interim Public Works Superintendent,** City of Newport, 200 S. Washington, Newport, WA 99156 — phone (509) 447-5611 — email cityofnewport@newport-wa.org. Also posted on the City's website. Questions about drinking water standards: Washington State Department of Health, Office of Drinking Water, 360-236-3100; U.S. EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline, 1-800-426-4791.

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.

City of Newport water system, WA Water System ID 59350D, Pend Oreille County · DOH Ref. No. 2026-NCV-0118 — VOC monitoring · Date distributed: _____, 2026 · Issued to comply with WAC 246-290-71001 through -72013 and 40 CFR 141 Subpart Q.