



A Message from Inver Grove Heights Public Works Director Brian Connolly

Dear City of Inver Grove Heights residents,

As a City of Inver Grove Heights employee, I drink City water every day, filling up my water bottle regularly and keeping it with me throughout my workday. I share the concerns that our residents might have about radium levels in our water supply, and I take those concerns seriously. I have a dedicated Utility Division staff who take pride in their work and take your concerns seriously, too.

City staff have been working over the past month with our partners at the Minnesota Department of Health, our treatment chemical suppliers, and several engineering consulting firms to understand the cause of this issue, and to apply operational adjustments to address and correct this issue. As the effectiveness of these treatment modifications become known through our increased water sampling and testing, and as we continue to plan for long-term water treatment plant improvements, I will share updates with the community in a quick and accurate manner.

I joined the City in January 2022. In my short tenure, I've met with many of our residents and discussed a variety of concerns regarding the state of our infrastructure systems. We have a very engaged community, and the public deserves to understand what is occurring with the infrastructure systems they rely on. Our key focus in the coming months is our water treatment plant, and I'm confident that the plan we've laid out for rehabilitation activities will be successful, both fiscally and operationally.

I will continue to drink City water every day, having confidence in our staff and the water we treat. The effort to rebuild confidence throughout the community in the City's water system has already begun, and I am both excited and humbled to have this opportunity to lead the effort for the City of Inver Grove Heights.

Sincerely,

Brian Connolly
Public Works Director
City of Inver Grove Heights