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Public Alert: Drinking Water Restriction

Irish Water and Galway County Council

Spiddal PWS

PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

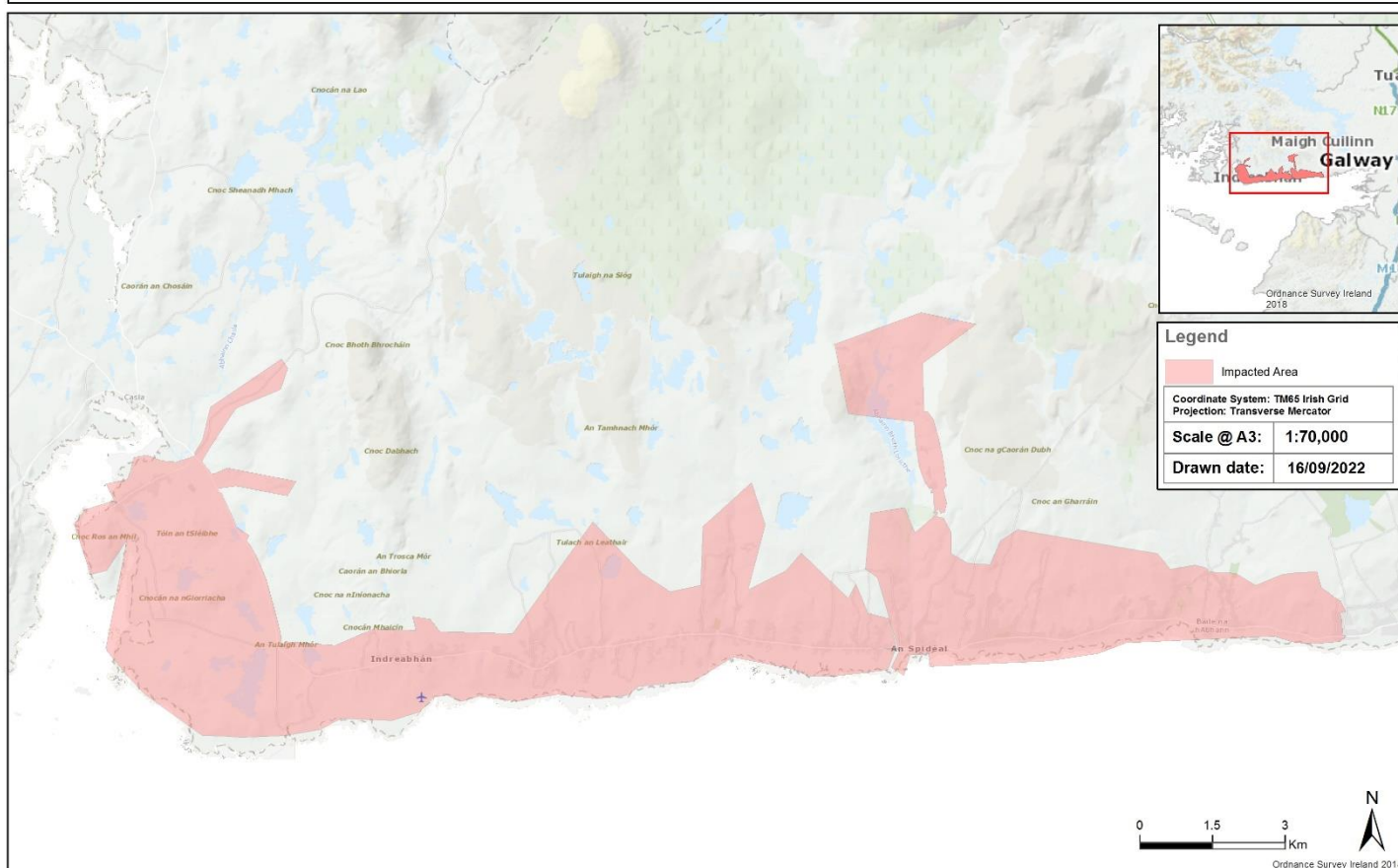
Date of Drinking Water Restriction Notice:

16th of September 2022

Due to elevated levels of manganese in the Spiddal PWS network. The public drinking water quality is **considerably compromised** and an **immediate risk to your health**.

As a result and following consultation with the Health Service Executive (HSE), Irish Water and Galway County Council are issuing a **Do Not Consume Notice with immediate effect** to protect the health of all consumers on this scheme. This Do Not Consume Notice applies to all customers served by the Spiddal PWS and as indicated in the red areas of the map.

Spiddal Public Water Supply - Do Not Consume Notice
Estimated Residential Population: 5,676



Areas : All Group Water Schemes Including Coilleach GWS & Baile na Sleibhe GWS

IMPORTANT: Boiling your water will not render it safe to drink.

1: Please use an alternative safe source of drinking water (e.g. Bottled Water) for the following:

- Drinking
- Preparing Drinks made with water
- Cooking of Food.
- Food Preparation including washing and preparation of salads and similar foods, which are not cooked prior to eating
- Brushing of teeth and/or gargling
- Making of ice. However, ensure you first discard all existing ice cubes in fridges and freezers and filtered water in fridges

IMPORTANT: Water from the hot tap of kitchen or bathroom sinks is not safe to drink.

2: You can continue to use your internal water supply for the following:

- Flushing of toilets
- Personal Hygiene (showering/bathing)
- Laundry and washing utensils

3: Caution:

- Domestic water filters will not render your water safe to drink
- Discard ice cubes in fridges and freezers and filtered water in fridges. Make ice from an alternative safe source of water (e.g. Bottled Water)
- If you have pets and are concerned about the impact of providing mains water while this restriction is in place, you should ask your local vet for advice

4: Only use an alternative safe source of drinking water (e.g. Bottled Water) for the following situations.

- When preparing foods that will not be cooked (e.g. washing and preparing salads)
- **Preparing Infant Formula.** Where a Do Not Consume Notice is in place, you can prepare infant formula from bottled water. All bottled water, with the exception of natural mineral water, is regulated to the same standard as drinking water. It is best not to use bottled water labelled as 'Natural Mineral Water' as it can have high levels of sodium (salt) and other minerals, although it rarely does. 'Natural Mineral Water' can be used if no other water is available, for as short a time as possible, as it is important to keep babies hydrated. If bottled water is used to make up infant formula it should be boiled once (rolling boil for 1 minute), and cooled in the normal way. Ready-to-use formula that does not need added water can also be used.

5: Always Take Care:

If you are boiling bottled water to prepare infant formula, care should be taken with boiled water to avoid burns and scalds. Accidents can easily happen, especially with children.

6: How long before the Do Not Consume Notice can be lifted?

We do not know at present, but Irish Water and Galway County Council will continue to liaise with the Health Service Executive (HSE) with a view to lifting the restriction as soon as practicable.

7: How will we keep you informed?

You will be kept informed through the following media:

Website: www.water.ie;

Irish Water Customer Contact Centre: 1800 278 278

Local Media –Radio and Press

(IW registered vulnerable customers will be directly contacted)

8: Awareness for commercial premises

Irish water request that this Restriction is placed in a prominent position within your commercial premises

Remember – Do not use your tap water for drinking or food preparation until further notice

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