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as along a river bed or the shore of a lake.”

**Here are some related questions/answers:**

**• Are chloramines safe?**  
Yes and they have been used safely in the United States and Canada for many years. Both the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Environmental Protection Agency accept chloramines as a disinfectant as a way to avoid trihalomethanes (THMs) formation. THMs are chemical compounds that are formed when chlorine mixes with naturally occurring organics in water.

**• Why is Norton making the change?**

To deliver water to you with the lowest possible levels of THMs. The equipment will be in place in order to begin using chloramines for disinfection by May 15.

**• Why do kidney dialysis patients have to take special precautions?**

In the dialysis process, water comes in contact with the blood across a permeable membrane. Chloramines in that water would be toxic, just as chlorine is toxic, and must be removed from water used in kidney dialysis machines. There are two ways to do that: either by adding dechlorinating agents, or using granular activated-carbon (GAC) treatment. Facilities that perform dialysis are responsible for purifying the water that enters the dialysis machines.

**• Do medical centers, hospitals and clinics that perform dialysis know about the change to chloramines?**

Yes, Norton's Preventive Medicine has been notified of the change.

**• What should people with home dialysis machines do to remove chloramines?**

You should first check with your physician who will probably recommend the appropriate type of water treatment. Often, home dialysis service companies can make the needed modifications, but you should check with your physician to be certain.

**• If chloramines are toxic, won't they harm people and pets?**

Chloramines are harmful when they go directly into the bloodstream, as happens in kidney dialysis. Fish also take chloramines directly into their bloodstreams. That's why chloramines must be

removed from water that goes into kidney dialysis machines or is used in fish tanks and ponds.

**• If chloramines shouldn't mix with blood, is it safe to drink water containing them?**

Yes. Everyone can drink water that is chloraminated because the digestive process neutralizes the chloramines before they reach the bloodstream. Even kidney dialysis patients can drink, cook and bathe in chloraminated water. It's only when water interacts directly with the bloodstream — as in dialysis or in a fish's gill structure — that chloramines must be removed.

**• How about washing an open wound, such as a cut, with chloraminated water?**

Certainly. Even large amounts of water used in cleaning a cut would have no effect because virtually no water actually enters the bloodstream that way.

**• Can people with kidney ailments, on low-sodium diets, or with diabetes use chloraminated water?**

Yes, they can use it for all purposes.

**• What about people who are sensitive to chemicals?**

The amount of chloramines will be extremely small — no more than 2.0 parts per million parts of water.

That is the maximum amount in the water as it leaves the Norton Water Treatment Plant. If you are concerned that even this low concentration might cause problems for you, please check with your physician.

**• Will chloramines change the pH of water?**

No.

**• What will water taste like with chloramines?**

If you notice any change at all, you may find the water has less of a chlorine odor or taste.

**• Do home water softeners remove chloramines?**

Most are not designed to remove chloramines.

**• Does bottled water have chloramines?**

• It could. If the bottled water company uses water supplied by a utility that uses chloramines, then the water it provides will have chloramines in it unless the company takes special steps to remove them.

**• Will chloramines affect swimming pools?**

No. You will still need a free-chlorine residual to retard algae and bacteria growths. Home pool test kits measure free-chlorine residuals and can be used with confidence. You should contact your local pool supply store for specifics.

**• How do chloramines affect fish?**

Chloramines are toxic to fish and must be removed from water, just as chlorine is toxic and must be removed.

You may not have had to remove chlorine from your aquarium water, however, because it disappears rapidly on its own.

This is *not* the case with chloramines and steps should be taken to remove chloramines.

Most pet stores have sold dechlorinating agents for years and generally have recommended using them. The chemicals used to remove chlorine should work just as well for chloramines.

*(Editor's note: Due to space limitations, the remaining questions/answers will appear in Friday's paper.)*

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS in the Matter of the Estate of DOROTHY C. HELLER, Deceased Case No. 2004-PR-8 NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a petition has been filed on April 24, 2008, in said Court by Doria E. Jones and Danny E. Heller, co-executors of the estate of Dorothy C. Heller, deceased, praying for a final settlement of the estate, approval of their acts and proceedings as co-executors, allowance for attorney's fees and expenses, determination of the heirs, devisees and legatees entitled to the estate and assignment to them in accordance with the determination and orders of the Court.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before May 20, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. on said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said petition will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

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## Crash: Location of plane fuzzy

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The Phillips County sheriff's office issued a press release about the incident, but the sheriff wasn't available to talk. The release says that when Mr. Westendorf first called in, he thought he was about 35 to 45 miles east of Atwood.

The Phillips County sheriff's office, fire department, React team and the Kansas Highway Patrol started a search about two miles southeast of Phillipsburg.

More information revealed that the airplane could be farther south into Rooks County. The Phillips County departments helped look in Rooks County, too. The search was put on hold as information came in that the plane could be at the Decatur-Norton county line.

"At approximately 10:30 p.m., the U.S. Air Force Search and Rescue Information Center advised the Phillips County dispatch that they had recalculated the coordinates and they believed that the pilot was within a 10-mile radius from the intersection of West Road 500 and West Victory Road in Phillips County," the department said.

The search started again. Mr. Westendorf was found around 1:15 a.m. by members of the Logan Fire Department about half a mile north of the intersection of West Thunder Road and West 1100 Road in Phillips County, several miles from the spot the Air Force had calculated.

Sheriff Badsky said the pilot was by himself and didn't have any life-threatening injuries, although he was taken to the hospital.

The search went well, he said, with Mrs. Skubal doing everything an administrator was supposed to do to help.

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