

INCIDENT: Pink Water Causes Hardship for Palmetto
LOCATION: Village of Palmetto, Louisiana
SOURCE:
DATE OF INCIDENT: 4/28/2015

Pink water from a faucet in a home in the Village of Palmetto caused two days of hardship for residents. Five samples were taken from different water supplies in the village and sent to the Department of Health and Hospitals Monday and soon after residents were put under a do not use advisory. Residents could not drink, bathe cook or in any way use their water supply. Two containers filled with water were stationed at the village's hall for residents to fill jugs, but local Hilda Barker said that wasn't the best way to handle the situation. According to DHH, a homeowner installed a water softener but failed to install a backflow preventer. This apparently caused chemicals to taint the water supply, causing a pink color. A simple explanation, but still a difficult time for residents who were denied a basic necessity.