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RE: Pink Water

The “pink water” is most likely a bacteria known as *Serratia marcescens*. The bacteria forms a residue on fixtures or other surfaces that are in moist areas such as toilet bowls, shower surfaces and bathtub enclosures, and in pet dishes. The City’s drinking water is chlorinated, and when the chlorine dissipates from the water over time, the moist areas are left open for introduction of the bacteria.

The *Serratia* bacterium is not known to cause any type of waterborne disease or illness. However, the presence of the bacteria may be an indicator of the cleanliness of a specific surface or container. Periodic and thorough cleaning of the surfaces where the pink residue occurs, followed by disinfection with chlorine bleach should control the growth of the bacteria. The chlorine bleach should be allowed to stand on the surfaces for 10-20 minutes before a thorough rinse.

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