

# N.L. environment critic demands action over water woes

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Newfoundland and Labrador's environment critic says the news about chlorine contamination in water supplies has scared people, and he wants to know what the government will do to change its procedures and ensure consumer safety.

At least 11 municipalities are using chlorine that's not certified by the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF), it was discovered following an investigation by the provincial Department of Environment and Conservation.

"I don't want to sound like be an alarmist about this, but when it comes to water quality and contaminants, sure people are concerned about it, and they have every right to be," Liberal Roland Butler told CBC News on Saturday. "But I think the department has to do more about this. I mean, here's two incidents in the span of one week."

Environment Minister Charlene Johnson says a scent agent was discovered in some of the chlorine. The product has been recalled by the distributor.

Johnson says it's not a health risk, but the towns involved have been contacted as a precaution.

Boil water orders are not necessary, but Johnson says all towns using liquid chlorination are being advised to continue chlorinating until they receive a certified product.

The province says it is working closely with Health Canada to ensure water supplies are safe in the affected communities:

- Lewisporte.
- Cupids.
- Tizzards Harbour.
- Gander Bay South.
- Port au Port West.
- Whiteway.
- Terrenceville.
- Rushoon.
- Normans Cove-Long Cove.
- Wabana.
- Harbour Main.