



The End Stage  
Renal Disease  
Network Of Texas

4040 McEwen Road, Suite 350, Dallas, TX 75244 ★ 972-503-3215 ★ 972-503-3219 fax  
[info@nw14.esrd.net](mailto:info@nw14.esrd.net) ★ [www.esrdnetwork.org](http://www.esrdnetwork.org)

**To: Bio-Med Technicians, Nurse Managers, Administrators,  
Medical Directors**

**From: Angie Wieler, Quality Improvement Coordinator**

**Date: July 3, 2008**

## **RE: URGENT Water System Alert!**

A contamination of Morton Salt Pellets used by dialysis units to regenerate their water softener has been identified. This contamination occurred at the Morton plant. A number of dialysis units use Morton salt pellets in regenerating their water softener as part of their water treatment.

One of the lot numbers for the Morton Salt that has been identified as contaminated is **May19AHD**. The Morton Salt Representative said he was unaware of any other lot numbers that were contaminated.

The contamination manifests itself as blue flecks in the white salt. The blue can range in color from sky blue to royal blue. The actual contamination is called YPS or Yellow Prussiate of Soda.

Morton Salt recommends that all dialysis facilities utilizing Morton Salt Pellets check each lot for contaminants prior to use. Any lot containing evidence of contamination (blue flecks) need to be discarded. The effect of YPS on water safety is unknown at this time.

Please contact the Morton Salt representatives listed below for any questions or concerns:

Eric Shirk (312) 807-2567

Lanny Bridges (903) 962-4204 ext # 2234