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Tainted water may have entered Scottsdale's water supply

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SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) - Federal officials say water tainted with a suspected cancer-causing chemical may have entered Scottsdale's drinking water supply for several days in October.

The water was pumped from a federal Superfund site in south Scottsdale into a treatment plant. It was apparently introduced into the municipal supply after workers shut down 1 of 2 treatment towers and shifted operations to a third, unused tower.

Samples taken from that tower's output later showed levels of the solvent TCE nearly twice the maximum allowed in drinking water.

Arizona American Water Company officials assert that in the blending, the TCE was diluted to within federal guidelines.

And the Environmental Protection Agency says based on what it was told by the company, it doesn't believe anyone was exposed to levels of concern.

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