

Black yeast fungus confirmed in bottled water

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ALBUQUERQUE (AP) - Tests have confirmed that a substance found in bottles of treated water distributed to the public in the Albuquerque area is black yeast.

The Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority halted the distribution of bottled samples of Rio Grande water last month following the discovery of foreign matter in several bottles.

Water utility officials vow to do more testing to ensure safety.

But they say they're confident the yeast could not have survived the water purification process.

The authority had distributed about 900,000 of the bottles.

They contained cleaned river water that will become the main water source for most of Bernalillo County later this year.