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Ashton tries to reduce nitrates

ASHTON (AP) — City leaders in the eastern Idaho city of Ashton are looking at ways to reduce high levels of nitrates in the drinking water supply.

The community's water goes through periods when nitrate levels are above the state limit of 10 milligrams per liter. Last fall, the city agreed with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality to take the necessary steps to bring the water into compliance with state rules.

City Clerk Cathy Stegelmeier says a planning study on ways to reduce nitrate levels will be completed by May 1.

Ashton's water system serves about 1,200 people daily.
