

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

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Tri-County Joint Municipal Authority Has Levels of Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. After receiving our latest test results for 2008, it shows that our system exceeded the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for TTHMs. The standard for TTHMs is a Running Annual Average (RAA) of 0.080 mg/l, an average of the four most recent quarterly samples. The RAA for TTHMs over the last year ending in the first quarter of 2009 is **0.0874 mg/l**. The highest level detected was 0.158 mg/l and the lowest level detected was 0.0192 mg/l.

What should I do?

You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What happened? What was done?

Disinfectants can combine with organic and inorganic matter present in water to form chemicals called disinfection byproducts (DBPs), which includes TTHMs. These byproducts are produced by every public water system that uses disinfectants. We will work with our staff to arrive at a solution that will reduce the level of TTHMs. We will resolve the problem in as timely a manner as possible.

For more information, please contact Tri-County Municipal Authority at 724-377-2211

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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