

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre su agua de beber. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

## 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 are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. Our latest results show that our system exceeds the maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) for TTHMs. The standard for TTHMs is a Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA) of 0.080 mg/L. This is an average of the four most recent quarterly samples at each monitoring location used to determine compliance. The LRAA for TTHMs at all four of our monitoring locations has exceeded **0.08mg/L**. The highest LRAA was 0.0963 mg/L and the lowest LRAA was 0.0681 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. Over the past year, we have implemented new equipment to reduce trihalomethane formation. We are working diligently to correct this problem.

For more information, please contact Fred Roberts – Working Foreman 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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