

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.

Beaver Falls 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. After receiving our latest test results for the 3rd quarter of 2010, it shows that our system exceeded the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for total trihalomethanes (TTHMs). The MCL for TTHMs is a Running Annual Average (RAA) of 0.080 mg/l, which is comprised of an average of the four (4) most recent quarterly samples. The RAA for TTHMs over the last year ending in the 3rd quarter of 2010 is 0.0857mg/l. The highest level detected was 0.1154 mg/l and the lowest level detected was 0.0733 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. The Beaver Falls Municipal Authority changed our disinfecting treatment process to include chloramines in September. Preliminary testing indicates that this has already reduced the TTHM levels in our system and should bring us into compliance with DEP regulations by the end of this year.

For more information, please contact our office at 724-846-2400 X231.

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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