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Tier 2 Public Notice

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

ESTE INFORME CONTIENE INFORMACION IMPORTANTE ACERCA DE SU AGUA POTABLE. HAGA QUE ALGUIEN LO TRADUZCA PARA USTED, O HABLE CON ALGUIEN QUE LO ENTIENDA.

Southwestern Warren County Municipal Authority has exceeded the maximum contaminant level for Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) above the 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 that happened and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received on January 3, 2020 show that our system exceeded the standard, or the maximum contaminant level (MCL), for the testing period December 2019.

The standard for HAA5 is 0.060 mg/l, the test result was at 0.061 mg/l.

What should you do:

You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled water) 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 Haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have the increased risk of getting cancer.

What Happened?

Chlorine disinfection dosage was increased at the Water Treatment Plant to maintain proper disinfection at the entry point before water consumption, which resulted in higher than EPA and DEP limits allowed for disinfection byproducts within our water distribution system.

What we are doing to resolve the issue:

We will be adding new sand to the Water Filtration Plant in the Spring to help resolve the problem. Hydrant flushing will also be increased to ensure safe levels at all times. We have provided all of our public utility customers a copy of this notice, and also posted it in the Tidioute Borough Office as well as on our website, and social media page.

For more information, please contact: Maintenance Supervisor Frank Buccardo at the Borough Garage (814) 484-7414 or Cellphone (814) 730-0778

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly. You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is sent to you by: Southwestern Warren County Municipal Authority through the Tidioute Borough.

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