

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

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

Tidioute has levels of Total Haloacetic Acid (HAA5) 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.** Testing results that we received on September 12, 2023, and December 13, 2023, show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Total Haloacetic Acid. **The MCL for Total Haloacetic Acid is 0.060 mg/L, based upon a running annual average of four quarterly tests.** Although the results for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2024 were below the MCL, our Total Haloacetic Acid running annual averages for sample sites 701 and 702 are still above the MCL for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2024 at **0.064 mg/L and 0.061 mg/L, respectively.**

### **What should I do?**

**You do NOT need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply.** You do NOT need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, please 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 experience problems with their liver, kidneys, eyes, central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

### **What happened? What was done?**

**SWCMA produces water at the Ben George water treatment plant** at which chlorine is added as a disinfectant. The chlorine reacts with organic and inorganic matter to form chemicals called disinfection by-products (DBPs), including the DBPs called haloacetic acids.

SWCMA is working with the PaDEP to evaluate the issue and investigate options to correct the problem. Options include modifying levels of chlorine in the system. Sampling will continue at a quarterly frequency for haloacetic acids.

For more information, you can contact Southwest Warren County Municipal Authority at 814 484 7424 or email us at [tboro@tidioute.org](mailto:tboro@tidioute.org).

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.** This notice is also available at the borough office or the Tidioute Website: [www.tidioute.org](http://www.tidioute.org)