IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)
Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Violation
at Selbyville Water Department

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

The Division of Public Health routinely monitors for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results from 2019 and 2020 show that our system exceeded the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for TTHM, a Disinfection By-Product. The standard for the Disinfection By-Product, TTHM is 80 parts per billion (ppb). It is determined by a four-quarter running annual average. The most recent four-quarter running annual average at our system 83.38 ppb.

What should I do?

At this time, no alternative source of water is necessary. However, if you have any specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours. TTHM are four volatile organic chemicals which form when disinfectants react with natural organic matter in the water. 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 is being done?

When disinfectants are used in the treatment of drinking water, disinfectants react with naturally-occurring organic and inorganic matter present in water to form DBPs. We are working on flushing the system to remove the TTHMs.

For more information, please contact Stacey Long at 302-436-8314 or Sharon Scheers, Environmental Health Specialist with the Office of Drinking Water at 302-741-8630.

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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