

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

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EAST STROUDSBURG BOROUGH WATER DEPARTMENT

Has Levels of TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES 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 the presence of drinking water contaminants. Results from testing completed for JULY 12TH 2022 showed that our system exceeded the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES. The standard for TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES is 0.080 mg/l. It is determined by averaging all the samples collected at each sampling locations for the past 12 months. The level of TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES averaged at one of our system's locations for OCTOBER 2021 –JULY 2022 was 0.082 mg/l.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply. If you have specific health concerns, please consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

There is no imminent risk. If there had been, you would have been notified immediately. TTHM's are four volatile organic chemicals which form when disinfectants react with naturally occurring matter in the water.

Studies have indicated that 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?

The Borough monitors a number of distribution system locations for routine water testing on a quarterly basis. One of these sample sites periodically showed elevated readings for trihalomethanes over the last year, which has now resulted in the locational four-quarter running annual average for total trihalomethanes at this one location being exceeded for the third quarter of 2022. Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) are a by-product of using chlorine for disinfection in the public water system. Higher water temperatures can increase the potential for TTHM formation. The Borough is actively working to address this problem by flushing of select areas of the water system and increasing the utilization of our groundwater sources. For the long term, the Borough is looking at alternative methods to the current pre-chlorination program as well as other methods for reducing the potential of elevated levels of trihalomethanes in the water distribution system.

For more information, please contact Brian Bond, Manager, at (570) 421-8300.

Please share this information with all 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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