



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) LIFETIME HEALTH ADVISORY EXCEEDANCE

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

BCWSA Main Lower South Water System Has Levels of Trichloroacetic Acid (TCAA) Above EPA Lifetime Health Advisory Levels

BCWSA's Main Lower South Water System recently exceeded an EPA Lifetime Health Advisory Level. 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.

What happened?

We routinely monitor our water for drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received on 8/31/2020 and 10/2/2020 indicated that a portion of the system received water from Lower Bucks County Joint Municipal Authority (LBCJMA) that exceeded the EPA Lifetime Health Advisory Level (HAL) for TCAA of 0.02 mg/L, or 20 µg/L. TCAA is a disinfection byproduct regulated under a drinking water standard for five haloacetic acids (HAA). The drinking water standard for HAAs is 0.60 mg/L, or 60 µg/L based on a locational running annual average (LRAA). Our LRAA did not exceed the standard. The calculated LRAA for TCAA at one location was 0.026 mg/L, or 26.4 µg/L which exceeds the HAL.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply or boil your water. However, should 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, trichloroacetic acid is a type of haloacetic acid. Some people who drink haloacetic acids in excess of the maximum contaminant level over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What is being done?

Our source of water in this portion of the system is supplied by Lower Bucks County Joint Municipal Authority (LBCJMA). Due to repeated violations of the water we receive from LBCJMA, we have hired McCormick Taylor, an Environmental & Civil Engineering, Planning and Consulting Firm. McCormick Taylor will be assisting us with developing a solution to resolve the ongoing problems.

For more information, please visit our website at www.bcwsa.net. You may also contact our consultant team at McCormick Taylor by directly calling 267-608-1100 or emailing at bcwsa@mccormicktaylor.com.

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