

## 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 Level**

BCWSA's Main Lower South Water System exceeded an EPA Lifetime Health Advisory Level (HAL) for the third quarter of 2024. 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.

#### **What happened?**

We routinely monitor our water for drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received from samples in the third quarter of 2024 indicated that a portion of the system received water from Lower Bucks County Joint Municipal Authority (LBCJMA) that exceeded the EPA HAL for TCAA of 0.02mg/L, or 20µg/L. TCAA is one of five haloacetic acids commonly found in drinking water. Compliance for these compounds is based off a locational running annual average (LRAA) that is calculated quarterly. The calculated LRAAS for TCAA at the location that exceeded the HAL was 27.7µg/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 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, some people who consume large volumes of drinking water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the maximum contaminant level **over many years may** have an increased risk of getting cancer. The MCL is based on long-term exposure from drinking two liters (about two quarts) of water every day for seventy years.

#### **What is being done?**

The water that contains the high levels of TCAA is only in a portion of the system near the intersection of Route 1 and Woodbourne Road in Langhorne. This water is treated by Lower Bucks County Joint Municipal Authority (LBCJMA) and received by BCWSA through an interconnection. There have been violations due to disinfection byproduct (DBP) exceedances from the water supplied by LBCJMA in prior years, and the problem was addressed and there were no violations in 2023. BCWSA will be addressing the issue with LBCJMA to see what changes they have made to their treatment process and potentially proceed with an alternate water supply.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.bcwsa.net](http://www.bcwsa.net).

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