

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Haloacetic Acid 5 (HAA5) Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Violation

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP WATER UTILITY

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. Testing results from one location (Marlboro Greens Club House) on May 18, 2016 show that our system exceeded the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for HAA5. The standard for HAA5 is 60 ppb (parts per billion). It is determined by averaging all the samples collected at each sampling location for the past 12 months (samples are taken once per quarter). The level of HAA5 averaged at this location for the period ending June 30, 2016 was 62 ppb (parts per billion).

What should I do?

- **There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.** If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.
- If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours. HAA5 are five halo acetic acid compounds which form when disinfectants react with natural organic matter in the water.

People who drink water containing halo acetic acids in excess of the MCL **over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.**

What is being done?

While ensuring we maintain an adequate level of disinfectant, we are working to minimize the formation and reduce the levels of HAA5s. The Utility purchases approximately 75% of its water from Middlesex Water Company. Operations staff is working with Middlesex Water so that the delivered "surface water" contains the lowest HAA5 levels possible. In addition, the Utility has completed construction of a new Treatment Plant at Tennent Road which will be in operation by August of 2016. This Plant will produce treated well water to be blended with the surface water purchased from Middlesex Water Company, further reducing the potential formation of HAA5.

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.

For more information, please contact the Marlboro Water Utility at 732 536-0200 x1629.

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