

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

### CHEMICAL OR RADIOLOGICAL MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL) 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.

#### Elizabethtown Area Water Authority Has Levels of Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) 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 did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received on May 20, 2021 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM).

The standard for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) Locational Running Annual Average is 0.080 mg/l. Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) Locational Running Annual Average was found at a level of 0.086 mg/l in your drinking water.

#### What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- 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.

**You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply.** However, if you have specific health concerns, 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 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 was done?** TTHM's are byproducts produced by adding chlorine as a disinfectant as required to our water to eliminate microorganisms such as viruses and bacteria. We are continually working to meet DEP standards through monitoring of our system. We are reviewing current and alternate treatment procedures to reduce the concentrations currently being experienced. The Authority is increasing the frequency of analysis for these compounds to better monitor their production.

We anticipate resolving the problem within the next few months prior to our required testing cycle in August 2021.

For more information, please contact the Elizabethtown Area Water Authority at (717) 367-7448.

*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.*

This notice is being sent to you by Del Becker, Authority Manager\_\_\_\_\_.