

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Town of Cross City Has Levels of Disinfection By-Products Above Drinking Water Standards

What happened?

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received from samples taken February 8, 2011 show that our system exceeds the standards, or maximum contaminant levels (MCL), for Disinfection By-Products (DBPs), which includes Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) and Haloacetic Acids [Five] (HAA5s). The standard for TTHMs is 80 micrograms per liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$) and the average level of TTHMs over the last year was 155.5 $\mu\text{g/L}$. The standard for HAA5s is 60 $\mu\text{g/L}$; the average level of HAA5s over the last year was 100.4 $\mu\text{g/L}$.

What should I do?

Some people who drink water containing TTHMs 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.

Some people who drink water containing HAA5s in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Any customers who are concerned about their exposure to DBPs may choose alternative sources of water for ingestion.

What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately.

What is being done?

This is what we are doing to lower our DBPs levels: While the most recent lab results were partially under the maximum level, some maximum levels were exceeded. The quarterly results should reflect the plant's potential to meet requirements; however, you will continue to receive these notices until our water system's previous 12-month average is within limits.

We anticipate resolving the problem with this time frame: one year.

For more information, please contact Scott Gantt, at (352) 498-3079

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.

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