

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.

Ebensburg Municipal Authority Has Levels of Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) 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 11/4/2022 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for Haloacetic Acids. The standard for Haloacetic Acids Locational Running Annual Average is 0.060 mg/L. Haloacetic Acids Locational Running Annual Average was found at a level of 0.092 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 haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What happened? What was done? Haloacetic Acids maximum contaminant levels are based on a one year running average which means the average over the last four quarters exceeds the MCL. Ebensburg is required to sample at two locations within the distribution system and only one of the two locations is in exceedance. The location is 3920 Admiral Peary Highway which receives water from the Saltlick water system. The water from this system takes an extended amount of time to enter Ebensburg's water system due to low flows that can contribute to elevated levels of disinfection byproducts such as Haloacetic Acids. This situation has existed for some time and the two water systems are working with the PA DEP to determine an appropriate solution.

We anticipate resolving the problem within the near future, and a timeline for completion is being established as the Saltlick water system continues to work with PA DEP to improve water quality.

For more information, please contact Ebensburg Municipal Authority at 814-472-8780.

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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