

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

McCormick Commission of Public Works has levels of Disinfection Byproducts (DBPs) above Drinking Water standards.

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 are required to monitor your drinking water for the presence of disinfection byproducts (DBPs) on a quarterly basis. The DBPs test results from the last four (4) quarters that ended on 6/30/2022 show that our system exceeds the standards, or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for total trihalomethanes (TTHM). MCL for TTHM is calculated based on locational running annual averages (LRAA) of the samples collected from the last four (4) quarters. The LRAA of TTHM at 1578 Whitetown Road is at 0.084 mg/L. This exceeds the respective MCLs for TTHM of 0.080 mg/L.

What should I do?

At this time, no alternative source is necessary. However, if you have any specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Some people who drink water containing TTHM 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 is being done?

When disinfectants are used in the treatment of drinking water, disinfectants react with naturally occurring organic and inorganic matter present in water to form DBPs. We are taking/have taken the following corrective actions: Our entire distribution system has been flushed since the collection of the last set of TTHM samples. We have also moved into our new water treatment plant and are using a different disinfectant which is advertised to help reduce levels of TTHMs in drinking water. We anticipate resolving the problem within the next two months. We will take additional actions if levels continue to be elevated.

If you have any questions, please contact Furman Parton by phone at 864-852-2233, or by mail at 912 South Main Street, McCormick, SC 29835.

Please share this information with all 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 in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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