

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

McCormick County Water has had 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 the 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 October 12, 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 samples collected from the last four (4) quarters. The LRAA of TTHM at Charlie Brown Rd, in Troy, was .097 mg/L and at McCarty Dr, in Modoc, was .087 mg/L. These values exceed the respective MCL for TTHM of .080 mg/L.

What should I do?

At this time, **no** alternative source of water 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 the water to form DBPs. We have taken the following corrective actions: We have already increased flushing intervals at multiple locations throughout the County, to rid the system of the excess DBPs. We anticipate resolving the problem within the next quarter. If you have any questions, please contact the McCormick County Water Department at (864)-852-2807 or PO Box 338 McCorminck, SC 29835.

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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