

PUBLIC NOTICE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

INFORMACION IMPORTANTE SOBRE SU AGUA POTABLE

Si usted no habla inglés tiene por favor alguien tranlate esta nota importante con respecto a su agua potable.

The Patton Borough Water Department Water System Has Levels Of The Contaminant Called Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM's) That Are Above The Drinking Water Standard.

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 routinely monitor your drinking water for the presence of **many** drinking water contaminants. Testing results that we received on August 17, 2011 show that our water system currently exceeds the standard for TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES. The standard for TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES is a Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 0.080 milligrams per liter. The average level of this contaminant, TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES, over the last year has been 0.087 milligrams per liter.

You do not need to use an alternative drinking water supply, such as bottled water. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. Those health concerns include, but are not limited to, the following information.

Some people who drink water contaminated with trihalomethanes in excess of the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) **over many years may** experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Please note that this problem with the TOTAL TRIHALIMETHANES has continued since 2005.

TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES are a result of chlorination. TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES are a by-product of chlorination. Chlorination is the process by which your water system is maintained as a potable, that is, a drinkable, water product. Chlorination has been in use worldwide for over a century and is the preferred method of public water disinfection (purification from harmful bacteria such as cholera, dysentery and other diseases).

This problem is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, if you have any health problems similar to those mentioned above, please consider consulting your doctor.

We anticipate resolving this problem in the near future. But its solution may not be easy. We are working with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at its Cambria District Office in Ebensburg to resolve this problem. Technical assistance has been initiated between and among all parties including our consulting engineer. Resolving this problem will be done as soon as possible.

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The Patton Borough Water Department is making this public notice available to you.

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