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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE SOBRE SU AGUA POTABLE

Por favor lea a continuación para obtener más información sobre cómo obtener este aviso en español

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) and Haloacetic Acid 5 (HAA5) MCL Violation in February, 2018
For Trenton Water Works (NJ1111001)

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

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results from February 12-13, 2018, show that our system exceeded the maximum contaminant level (MCL), for TTHM and HAA5. Collectively TTHM and HAA5's are known as Disinfectant Byproducts (DBP's). DBP's form when naturally occurring organic matter combines with disinfectants added to kill microorganisms.

The MCL for TTHM is 80 µg/L and for HAA5 is 60 µg/L. It is determined by averaging all the samples collected at each sampling location for the past 12 months (Locational Running Annual Average or LRAA.) The level for the TTHM exceeded the MCL at 80.9 µg/L.

The HAA5 averages for five sample locations exceeded the MCL with ranges of 61.36 to 70.92 µg/L.

What should I do?

- **There is nothing you need to do.** You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.
- 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.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

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

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes 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 is being done?

Following industry standards, we are conducting a more thorough and systematic flushing of the distribution system and evaluating the operation of treatment components at the Water Filtration Plant to try to reduce natural organic matter prior to disinfection.

Based on actions by Trenton Water Works it is anticipated that the factors contributing to the formation of these compounds will be identified and an action plan developed to remediate the issue.