

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

The Town of Clarksville Waterworks Has Levels of Total Trihalomethane (TTHM) Above Drinking Water Standards

Tests indicate the Town of Clarksville water system exceeded a drinking water standard. **Although this is not an emergency,** as our customer, you have the right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

To ensure satisfactory water quality: the Town routinely monitors for the presence of many drinking water contaminants. Based on quarterly test results of routine samples collected between October 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018, our system exceeded the Primary Maximum Contaminant Level (PMCL) for total trihalomethane (TTHM). The standard for TTHM is 0.080 mg/L based on a four-quarter running average. The average concentration of TTHM over this monitoring period was 0.081 mg/L.

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 trihalomethane in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver, kidneys or nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What should consumers do?

You **do not** need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your health care provider, or the Mecklenburg County Health Department at (434) 738-6545.

What happened? What is being done?

TTHM along with other disinfection byproducts (DBP) are formed when trace amounts of naturally occurring organic compounds in the raw water source combine with chlorine that is used to disinfect the treated water. Because of changes in water temperature and other factors, DBP test results are normally highest during the second and third quarters (April - June and July - September).

An operational evaluation will be prepared by the Town of Clarksville and submitted for review and approval by the Department of Health, Office of Drinking Water. The report must outline steps that the Town must follow in achieving compliance with the Disinfection By-Products Rule.

For more information, please contact: **Jeff Jones, Clarksville Town Manager,** at 321 Virginia Avenue, Clarksville, Virginia 23927, or at (434) 374-8177.

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 this notice in a public place or by distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by the Town of Clarksville.

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