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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) MCL Violation at Newton Water Utility

In the calendar year for 2017 our water system violated a drinking water standard. Every year the contaminants are tested quarterly. The first two quarters of 2017 (March/June) exceeded the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for TTHM at 80 parts per billion. The last two quarters (September/December) were under the standard of MCL 80 part per billion. The four quarter rolling average is at 82 parts per billion which exceeded the allowable standard of 80 parts per billion. 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.

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. TTHMs are four volatile organic chemicals which form when disinfectants react with natural organic matter in the water. 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?

The Newton Water Utility is evaluating measures to improve the circulation of water in the distribution system, which will reduce the tendency of disinfection by-products to form. These measures include installation of a mixing system at the High Street water storage tank, installation of automatic flushing systems on hydrants, and calibration and maintenance of system valves. The Town of Newton is currently manually flushing hydrants weekly to bring the water into compliance. We anticipate resolving the problem as soon as possible.

For more information, please contact Newton Licensed Operator Joseph Carr at (973) 383-2090. 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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