

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Total Trihalomethanes MCL Violation at the City of Toccoa

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

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results from the June 8, 2009 sampling show that our system exceeded the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for trihalomethanes. The standard for trihalomethanes is .080 milligrams per liter (mg/l). It is determined by averaging all samples collected by our system for the last 12 months. The level of trihalomethanes averaged at our system for the June 8, 2009 sampling was .085 mg/l.

What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do unless you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, or are elderly. These people may be at increased risk and should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.
- 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. We will announce any emergencies on WNEG TV32 or WNEG Radio 630 AM.

What does this mean?

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

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?

Corrective action has already been taken to correct this problem and to prevent a recurrence. Over the past several months, the pre-chlorine injection point used in the treatment process has been relocated, from mixing with the raw water, to being applied directly on top of the filters, after all organic material has settled out. We anticipate having this new system fully on-line and thereby resolving the problem within the next 60 days.

For more information, please contact Water/Wastewater Utility Director Donald E. Dye at 706-282-3305 or P.O. Box 579, Toccoa, Georgia 30577.

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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