

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Haloacetic Acid (HAA5) MCL Violation at Bardstown Water Treatment Plant

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 are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results from 01-01-2010 to 03-31-2010 show that our system exceeded the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for HAA5. The standard for HAA5 is .060 MG/L. It is determined by averaging all the samples collected by our system during the last 12 months. The average level of HAA5 at our system for 01-01-2010 to 03-31-2010 was .061 MG/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.

HAA5 are five haloacetic acid compounds which form when disinfectants react with natural organic matter in the water.

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

What is being done?

In order to correct this problem we have flushed the distribution system. The Bardstown Water Treatment Plant is going to go through a renovation within the next year that will include more efficient filtration and instrumentation to help us compare different treatments for optimal organic removal.

For more information, please contact Wayne Kendall at 502-348-3064 or by mail at 220 N. 5th St., Bardstown KY 40004

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.

This notice is being sent to you by the Bardstown Water Treatment Plant.

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