

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

The Town of Belleair Has Levels of Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) Above Drinking Water Standards

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

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. The latest combined test results we received on June 14, 2010 show that our system exceeds the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs). The standard for TTHMs is 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/L). The average level of TTHMs for the last 12 months was 0.096 mg/L.

What should I do?

You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

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 the 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 happened? What is being done? When will the problem be corrected?

The chlorine used for disinfection has reacted with the organic compounds within our distribution system thus creating TTHMs. We currently have a preliminary engineering design developed, subject to DEP approval, for the water treatment change which is essential to resolve this concern. We continue to work closely with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and our engineering firm, Cardno TBE. To summarize, the treatment change will be in the form of changing to chloramine as a disinfectant. We will continue to be aggressive with a system wide unidirectional flushing program to remove these organic compounds every 3 months. The town will collect and test samples prior to the next required sampling period to evaluate the progress and effectiveness of our corrective actions. We anticipate moving forward to resolving the problem within the next 2 to 3 months.

For more information, please contact David Brown at (727) 588-3769 extension 403 or at 901 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Belleair, FL 33756.

This notice is being sent to you by the Town of Belleair Water Treatment Facility, PWSID #6520135.

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