

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Pender County Utilities HAS LEVELS OF TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES ABOVE DRINKING WATER STANDARDS

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, what you should do, and what we did (are doing) to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Monitoring results for water samples collected during the annual period beginning July 1, 2022, show that the contaminant concentration from one or more sampling locations in our water system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHMs). The standard for TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES is 0.080 mg/L. Over the referenced compliance period, the sample location with the highest average level of TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES had a concentration of 0.082 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. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. 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, you would have been notified within 24 hours. TTHMs are four volatile organic chemicals which form when disinfectants react with natural organic material in the water. However, ***some 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?

Pender County Utilities has lowered the disinfection dosing at the water treatment plant and at the wells. Extensive flushing of water lines is being performed. Additional TTHM sampling is currently happening. We anticipate resolving the problem by 10/23/2022.

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.

For more information, please contact:

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The public water system named above hereby affirms that public notification has been provided to its consumer in accordance with all delivery, content, format, and deadline requirements specified in 15A NCAC 18C .1523.

Owner/Operator: _____
(Signature)

Glen Garvin
(Print Name)

10/26/2022
(Date)