

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) MCL Town of North East

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 (*are doing*) to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results from October 10, 2022 – July 10, 2023 show that our system exceeds the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for HAA5. The standard for HAA5 is 60 parts per billion. It is determined by averaging the samples collected at each sampling location for the past 12 months. The level(s) of HAA5 averaged at the sampling location(s) for October 2022 through July 2023 were as follows:

System Location	Haloacetic Acids (ppb)
753 Red Toad Road	64.4
229 Irishtown Road	62.725

What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. Should a situation ever arise where the water is not safe to drink, you will be notified immediately.
- Certain people may be at an increased risk. Customers with severely compromised immune systems; infants; pregnant women; and the elderly are at an increased risk, and should receive advice from their 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 immediately. HAA5s are 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?

We expect to resolve the problem by our next quarterly sample which will be in October of 2023. We propose to accomplish this by slowing down the water flow through the Rolling Mill Water Treatment Plant in order to remove more natural organic matter so that there is less opportunity for HAA5 to form. In addition, The Town is installing a water mixer and a TTHM (Total Trihalomethane) removal system in the final water tower which is in one of the affected areas'. Our final action will be to verify that the existing tank mixers and TTHM removal systems are functioning to the fullest extent of the equipment.

For more information, please contact Ron Carter at 410-287-8102 or 39 Rolling Mill Lane, North East, MD. 21901

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 Town of North East. State Water System ID#: MD0070016 Date distributed: August 14, 2023.

PUBLIC NOTICE CERTIFICATION

[Please complete, sign, and return via mail or fax]

PWS NAME Town of North East
PWS ID MD00700116
VIOLATION MCL Violation for Haloacetic Acids
COMPLIANCE PERIOD October 2022 – July 2023

The public water system indicated above hereby affirms that public notice has been provided to consumers in accordance with the delivery, content, and format requirements and deadlines in COMAR 26.04.01.20

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Ronald Z Carter

Signature of owner or operator

8/15/23

date

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