

Notice by Hazard Water Department – System ID#: KY0970184

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 for the period 04/01/2016 through 06/30/2016 and 07/01/2016 through 09/30/2016 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for haloacetic acids (HAA5). The standard for HAA5 is 0.060 mg/L. It is determined by averaging all samples collected at each sampling location for the last 12 months. The level of HAA5 averaged at one of our system's locations for the period 04/01/2016 to 06/30/2016 was 0.062 mg/L and 07/01/2016 to 09/30/2016 was 0.066 mg/L.

- 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.

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

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

We are working to minimize the formation haloacetic acids in the water treatment plant while ensuring we maintain an adequate level of disinfectant. We are also monitoring water flow patterns within the distribution system. We have taken additional steps to remove natural organic matter and increased flushing of water lines to determine if our efforts have been effective. We anticipate resolving the problem within the next two quarters.

For more information, please contact Grady Varney at 606-436-3171 or P.O. Box 420, Hazard, KY 41701.

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.