

Stage 2 DBPR TTHM or HAA5 MCL Violation Notice

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) MCL Violation at Port Orford Water System

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 April 2016 – March 2017 show that our system exceeds the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for TTHM. The standard for TTHM is 0.080 mg/L. It is determined by averaging all the samples collected for the past 12 months. The level of TTHM average for April 2016 – March 2017 was 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. 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.

TTHM are four volatile organic chemicals which form when disinfectants react with natural organic matter in the water.

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?

We have reduced our normal chlorine levels. The water system routinely has to adjust this level as the seasons change. We are also completing an operational evaluation report and identifying steps to minimize future exceedances of the standards for disinfection byproducts such as TTHM.

For more information, please contact Terrie Richards at 541-332-3681 ext. 240 or P.O. Box 310, Port Orford, OR 97465.

This notice is being sent to you by the City of Port Orford. State Water System ID#: 00670.

Date distributed: May 23, 2017.