

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) MCL Violation at City of Fruitland

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 are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results from 9/12/2023 show that our system exceeded the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for HAA5 of 60 ug/L. It is determined by averaging all the samples collected at each sampling location for the past 12 months. The level of HAA5 averaged at one of our system's locations for 2023 Q1 - 2023 Q4 was 69.9 ug/L. This occurred due to an additional Q3 sample in July that was taken as part of the corrective process that is required to be included in the results.

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 healthcare 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.

HAA5 are five 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?

Operators have identified what we believe was causing higher levels of HAA5's and have adjusted our treatment process. We will continue to monitor the system and make additional changes as needed. Samples were taken on 1/4/2024 and HAA5 levels were at 22.9 ug/L and 31.8 ug/L.

For more information, please contact Scott MacKenzie at 208-452-2045 or PO Box 324, Fruitland, ID 83619.

**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.*

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