

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.  
Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

### Westhaven C.S.D. Drinking Water

#### Has Levels of Haloacetic Acids Which are Above the Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation.

- The average level of Haloacetic Acids (HAAs), byproducts of the chlorination of your drinking water, exceeded the maximum contaminant level (MCL) allowed. **The MCL for HAAs is 60 parts per billion. The average of the last four quarterly samples from our water ending in the first quarter of 2018 was 65.8 parts per billion.** Haloacetic Acids form when chlorine interacts with total organic carbon in the water.
- The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (DDW) enforces drinking water standards and requires the disinfection of drinking water. However, when used in the treatment of drinking water, disinfectants react with naturally-occurring organic and inorganic matter present in the water to form chemicals called disinfection byproducts (DBPs). DDW has determined that a number of DBPs are a health concern at certain levels of exposure. Certain DBPs, including some Trihalomethanes (THMs) and some Haloacetic Acids (HAAs), have been known to cause cancer in laboratory animals. Other DBPs have been shown to affect the liver and the nervous system and cause reproductive or developmental effects in laboratory animals. Exposure to certain DBPs may produce similar effects in people. DDW has set standards to limit exposure to THMs, HAAs and other DBPs.

#### What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other actions.**
- This is not an emergency. Had it been an emergency you would have been immediately notified.
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

#### What happened? What is being done?

Due to the high level of organic material in our source water our options to correct this problem are limited and costly. With the help of an ongoing State-funded study, we are actively investigating treatment alternatives and upgrades to our treatment facilities that will eliminate the problem of disinfection byproducts in our drinking water.

For more information contact WCSD Manager Richard Swisher at (707) 677-0798 or P.O. Box 2015, Trinidad CA 95570 or [rswisher.wcsd@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:rswisher.wcsd@suddenlinkmail.com). You may also visit the WCSD office at 446 B 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Westhaven.

*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 public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

#### Secondary Notification Requirements

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- SCHOOLS: Must notify school employees, students, and parents
- RENTAL / BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS must notify tenants and employees.

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