

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 and Total Trihalomethanes Which are Above the Drinking Water Standards

December 2023

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) and the average level of Trihalomethanes, byproducts of the chlorination of your drinking water, exceeded the maximum contaminant levels (MCL) allowed. **The average of the last four quarterly HAA5 samples from our water, ending in the fourth quarter of 2023 was 205.8 parts per billion. The MCL for HAAs is 60 parts per billion. The average of the last four quarterly TTHM samples from our water, ending in the, fourth quarter of 2023 was 113.8parts per billion. The MCL for TTHMs is 80 parts per billion.** Haloacetic Acids and Total Trihalomethanes 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. Through the work of an ongoing District and State-funded project, we are actively working on funding and permitting for source water and treatment alternatives and upgrades to our treatment facilities that will reduce or eliminate the problem of disinfection byproducts in our drinking water. The district recommends the use of a charcoal filter (activated carbon) such as a Britta for your drinking water.

For more information contact WCSD Manager Paul Rosenblatt at (707) 677-0798 or P.O. Box 2015, Trinidad CA 95570 or You may also visit the WCSD office at 446 B 6th 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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