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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Nutley Water Department Has Levels of Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) Above Water Standards and Failed to Take Action to Bring Water into Compliance with HAA5 Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Within One Year

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard and a New Jersey drinking water requirement. 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 December 4, 2019 show that our system exceeds the standard, or MCL, for HAA5. The standard for HAA5 is 60 parts per billion (ppb). It is determined by averaging all the samples collected at each sampling location for the last four (4) quarters (a locational running annual average (LRAA)). The level of HAA5 averaged at two (2) of our system's four (4) locations for October 1, 2019 - December 1, 2019 was 70 and 69 ppb.

In addition, our water system is required to take any action necessary to bring the water system into compliance with applicable MCL(s) within one-year from the initial violation. Our water system has continued to exceed the HAA5 MCL since the 4th Quarter 2018 and failed to regulatory comply with the HAA5 MCL violation by the one-year deadline of January 6, 2020. You were previously notified of the HAA5 MCL violation in public notices issued on February 4, 2019; April 22, 2019; July 5, 2019; and November 8, 2019.

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. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- 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.
- Point-of-use filter devices may not be certified to remove HAA5 contaminants. There are currently no point-of-use filters certified for removal of HAA5 contaminants by the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) (<http://www.nsf.org/>).

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, 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?

- The locations that are exceeding HAA5 MCL are within a small section of town that is supplied water that Nutley Water Department purchases from the City of Newark's Pequannock Water Treatment Facility. Nutley Water Department is coordinating with Newark Water Department (NJ0714001) and NJDEP on this issue.
- Only a small section of Nutley receives its supply from the Newark Water Department (see attached map).
- Our testing results from the last two (2) quarters show that the levels of HAA5 are decreasing.
- We continue to flush hydrants in the affected area to introduce fresh water into the system.
- We anticipate further reductions at the treating facility to let us fall into compliance with the LRAA by the end of the third quarter of 2020 (i.e. September 2020).

For more information, please contact Dominic Ferry, Licensed Water Operator, at 973-284-4984 or dferry@nutleynj.org

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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Nutley Water Department Newark Water Customers 436 Households

The City of Newark serves a small area of Nutley with Pequannock Reservoir Water. This area is located west of Ridge Road and Van Winkle Avenue and bordered by Glenview Road, the Township of Nutley/Bloomfield boundary line and East Passaic Avenue. The areas outlined in red below receive water from the City of Newark.

