

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Long Pond School failed to perform test for the Trihalomethanes (TTHM)

Our water system recently violated the drinking water standard or TTHM from **08/2020 MONITORING PERIOD**). The TTHM was collected in August as required by the DEP but it appears there was a QA/Q. We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. 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.

The standard for TTHM is 80 micrograms per liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$). It is determined by averaging all the samples collected at each sampling location for the past 12 months. We are rescheduling TTHM sample and as soon as results are available it will be posted in our annual report. In the meantime you can log into:

https://www9.state.nj.us/DEP/WaterWatch_public/index.jsp and enter the New Jersey public water system identification number (PWSID) at the bottom of this notice.

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 all of which form when disinfectants react with natural organic matter in the water. This is commonly known as a disinfection by-product (DBP).

**People who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the standard or 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 are working to minimize the formation of TTHM while ensuring we maintain an adequate level of disinfectant.
We anticipate resolving the problem within **one** months.

For more information, please contact **WATER SYSTEM LICENSED OPERATOR Janusz Berghoff** at ext. 413 or jberghoff@andoverregional.org

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