

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

LEVELS OF TOTAL TRIHALMETHANES (TTHM) ABOVE DRINKING WATER STANDARDS FOR WESTPORT WATER COMPANY

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 happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. The results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets EPA's health standards. The results that we received for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) for the 10/1/2019 to 12/31/2019 monitoring period show that our system currently exceeds the standard(s), or Maximum Contaminant Level(s) (MCL). The MCL for Total Trihalomethanes is 80ug/L. As of 12/31/2019, our locational running annual average for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) is 81.2 ug/L.

What should I do?

You do not need to use an alternative (e.g. bottled) water supply, However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

Some people who drink Trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What Happened? What is being done?

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) are a group of chemicals that are formed as a result of chlorine addition to water for disinfection. TTHM's began being regulated by IDEM in 2003 and older surface water plants, like Westport's, have had problems meeting the regulated levels due to the amount of chlorine put into the water and the chlorine's interaction with organic matter in the water drawn from Sand Creek. Our data shows that the TTHM formation is closely linked to the TOC (Total Organic Content) of the raw intake water from Sandcreek.

Funding for a new Water Treatment Plant and other system improvements have been secured from USDA RD in the form of a \$1,082,000 Loan and a \$2,552,000 grant. We also received \$700,000 in ORCRA grant funds. The new treatment system design was completed in 2019 and is designed to treat our raw intake water from Sandcreek and to keep TTHM's and HAA5's under control. Aggressive hydrant flushing in the northern part of our system will now be done year-round until completion of our water project.

We anticipate resolving the problem and bringing our locational RSS TTHM levels into compliance by the end of Q1 2021. For more information, contact Mark Taylor at (812) 591-3500 or PO Box 579, Westport, IN 47283.

Please share this information with all 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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