

## Utility Service Affiliates (Perth Amboy) Inc.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

#### Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) MCL Violation at Utility Service Affiliates (Perth Amboy) Inc. (USA-PA) PWSIDNJ1216001

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

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results from 1/7/19, during the first quarter of 2019, show that our system exceeded the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for TTHM. The MCL for TTHMs is 80 ug/L. MCL compliance is determined by averaging all of the samples collected from each sample location for the past 12 months. The locational running annual average level of TTHMs at two of our system's four sampling locations was 91 ug/L and 92 ug/L.

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.

#### What does this mean?

**This is not an emergency.** If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified immediately. TTHMs are four volatile organic compounds which form when disinfectants, like chlorine, react with natural organic matter in the water during the water treatment process.

*\*Some people who drink water containing 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.\**

#### 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 immediately.
- 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 happened and what is being done?

TTHMs form when naturally organic matter in the water combines with the chlorine which is added to kill microorganisms. Our primary well was out for maintenance requiring the use of alternate wells which were higher in natural organic matter (compounds related to animals and plants).

We have restored the primary well to service allowing us to reduce dependency on the alternate wells. In addition, USA-PA is working with the NJDEP to implement a near-term corrective action plan which will include periodic flushing of hydrants to reduce the age of the water in the system, which is a contributing factor to TTHM formation.

For more information, please contact Luis Perez Jimenez, USA-PA at 732-826-5335.

This notice is being sent to you by Utility Service Affiliates (Perth Amboy) Inc. (USA-PA).  
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