

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Washington County RW #2 has levels of Total Trihalomethanes above Drinking Water Standards

In accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Regulations Governing Public Water Supply Systems, the consumers of the Washington County RW #2 public water system are hereby notified that the system is in violation of the established drinking water standard of **80 ug/L** (micrograms per liter) for Total Trihalomethanes.

Sampling that occurred during the second quarter yielded an average result of **81 ug/L**. Most recently, third quarter results yielded an average of **88 ug/L**. The past 4 quarters are used to determine the average result in each instance. These samples were collected in the distribution system on August 26, 2008 (80 ug/L); and November 17, 2008 (96 ug/L); January 26, 2009 (52 ug/L); May 4, 2009 (95 ug/L); Aug. 3, 2009 (107 ug/L).

You have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what is being done to correct the situation.

What Should I Do?

You are not required to obtain an alternate source of drinking water. People with health concerns may want to consult with their physician. Otherwise, you do not need to take immediate action.

What Does This Mean?

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL (maximum contaminant level) over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What Happened? What Is Being Done?

Where disinfection is used in the treatment of drinking water, disinfectants combine with naturally-occurring organic and inorganic matter present in the water to form chemicals called disinfection byproducts. Trihalomethanes are a disinfection byproduct.

Corrective Action: Subsequent testing of the water supply has indicated that high organic matter in the Missouri River is a contributing factor to the trihalomethane concentration. The content of such organic matter is expected to fall in the months ahead. All other water quality standards continue to be met. The City of Blair (our water provider) is also considering a change in their water treatment process that may have a positive impact.

For more information, please contact: Dick Sklenar @ 315-1706

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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