

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

SCRANTON WATER SYSTEM Has Levels of Arsenic Above Drinking Water Standards

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 the situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received on October 22, 2012 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for Arsenic. The standard for Arsenic is 0.0010 MG/L. The average level of Arsenic over the last year was 0.015 MG/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?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What happened? Natural deposits in ground water. **What is being done?** The City replaced the water plant's filter media in February and worked with an engineering firm to resolve the problem. We do anticipate resolving the problem. The City's last quarterly sample was below the maximum contaminant level of 0.010. The City's results were 0.0056. This notice is required because the running average of the past four quarters put us out of compliance. We anticipate meeting the MCL with future samples which should drop the running average to below the MCL.

For more information, please contact DeeJay Byerly 652-3851 or 1211 Main Street.

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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