

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
Drinking Water Contains High Levels of Disinfection By-Products

NOTICE OF STANDARD MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL ("MCL") VIOLATIONS

The EXETER water system recently violated drinking water standards. Although this is
(name of water system)
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 locational running annual average ("LRAA") is determined by averaging all the samples collected at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters. The LRAA standard for Total Trihalomethanes ("TTHM") is 0.080 mg/L. The LRAA standard for Haloacetic Acid 5 ("HAA5") is 0.060 mg/L. Testing results for the

4th quarter of 2015 and the 1st quarter of 2016 show that our system exceeds the maximum contaminant level
(calendar quarter: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th) (year(s))
for TTHM and/or HAA5 (circle one or both) when calculating the LRAA.

The LRAA of TTHM exceeded the MCL of 0.080 mg/L at one or more of our system's sampling location(s).
For Quarter 4 – 2015:

The LRAA was(were) 0.097 mg/L, 0.118 mg/L, 0.097 mg/L, _____ mg/L
(fill in LRAA value for each site that exceeded the MCL)

The LRAA of TTHM exceeded the MCL of 0.080 mg/L at one or more of our system's sampling location(s).
For Quarter 1 – 2016:

The LRAA was(were) 0.098 mg/L, 0.117 mg/L, 0.098 mg/L, _____ mg/L
(fill in LRAA value for each site that exceeded the MCL)

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been you would have been notified immediately. However, *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.*

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 should I do?

It is not necessary to use alternate water; however, if you have specific health concerns, please contact your health care professional. General health related questions may be directed to Dave Gordon of the DES Environmental Health Program at (603) 271-4608.

Steps We Are Taking: The New Lary Lane Ground Water Treatment Plant (GWTP) is a significant component of the Town's drinking water supply since January 2016. Preliminary tests indicate that the TTHMs from the GWTP will be much lower than historical levels from the Surface Water Treatment Plant (SWTP). The SWTP will be taken out of service for several months this winter for long term maintenance and improvements to the treatment process. The improved SWTP will be returned to service at reduced flows prior to summer. Violation Notices are anticipated for the next several quarters due to the use of the prior 4 calendar quarters' results in calculating the running annual average.

For more information, please contact

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or 13 Newfields Road, Exeter, NH 03833
(address)

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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