

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) MCL Violation at Town of Wellton

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 are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results from August 2020 - February 2021 show that our system exceeds the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs). The standard for TTHMs is 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/L). The level of TTHM averaged at our system's locations for the Third quarter of 2020 - First Quarter of 2021 exceeded the MCL Level.

Sample locations:

Third Quarter 2020

01-A 11778 Comanche, Single sample was 0.132 mg/L, Locational Average (LRAA) over the past year was 0.117 mg/L

02-A 28320 County 11th, Single sample was 0.106 mg/L, LRAA was 0.093 mg/L

Fourth Quarter 2020

01-A 11778 Comanche, Single sample was 0.138 mg/L, LRAA was 0.122 mg/L

02-A 28320 County 11th, Single sample was 0.053 mg/L; LRAA was 0.0825 mg/L.

First Quarter 2021

01-A 11778 Comanche, Sample was 0.108 mg/L, LRAA is 0.127 mg/L

02-A 28320 County 11th, Sample was 0.0845 mg/L, LRAA is 0.086 mg/L

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 within 24 hours.
- 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.

We will announce any emergencies on CBS13 or 88.9 FM (KAWC).

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

TTHM are four volatile organic chemicals which form when disinfectants react with natural organic matter in the water.

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 is being done?

The Town has taken steps to lower the TTHMs in your drinking water, such as reducing the water age in the storage tanks and distribution system by installing mixers in the storage tanks and automatic flush units in the distribution system. The Town has also taken steps to lower the TTHMs

in the drinking water through construction modifications at the water treatment plant such as installing a Chlorine Dioxide Pre-treatment system, Installed a new Loop system in the distribution system, modifications to the existing filters, and various other upgrades to better control the TTHMs in the system. We are working on solving this by 2021.

For more information, please contact Brandon Howard at 928-785-3348 or 28634 Oakland Avenue, P.O. Box 67, Wellton, AZ 85356.

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.

This notice is being sent to you by the Town of Wellton Water Department.

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