

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Belleville Township Water Department Has Violated a Drinking Water Standard

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

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results from April 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for total trihalomethanes. The standard for total trihalomethanes is 80 parts per billion. It is determined by averaging all samples collected by our system for the last 12 months. The level of total trihalomethanes averaged at our system for July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 was 85 parts per billion.

What should I 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.
- People with severely compromised immune systems, people with an infant, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

What does this mean?

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

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

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 is being done?

We are evaluating methods to reduce the levels of disinfection byproducts in our water distribution system. Also, the Water Department will be flushing the water distribution system. We will take samples in September 2010.

We anticipate resolving the problem by December 31, 2010

For more information, please contact Thomas J Herits PE PP PLS at (973) 450-3414 or 152 Washington Avenue Belleville, NJ 07109

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Monitoring Requirements Not Met for Belleville Water Department

Our water system violated drinking water standards over the past year. Even though these were not emergencies, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct these situations.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During the first (1st) quarter of 2004 we did not test for Total Trihalomethane (THM4) and Haloacetic Acids 5 (HAA5) and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time.

The table below lists the contaminants we did not properly test for during the first (1st) quarter of 2004, how often we are supposed to sample for these contaminants and how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were taken.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	When samples should have been taken	When samples were taken
THM4 & HAA5	One (1) sample every quarter	0	Jan-Mar 2004	April 2004

What is being done?

We have since taken the required samples, as described in the last column of the table above. The samples showed we are meeting drinking water standards.

For more information, please contact the Belleville Water Department at 973-450-3412 or 429 Stephens Street, Belleville, NJ, 07109.

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