



City of East Providence

Department of Public Works
Water Utilities Division
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

City of East Providence has levels of Disinfection Byproducts (DBPs) 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 this situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for the presence of disinfection byproducts (DBPs) on a quarterly basis. The DBPs test results from the last four (4) quarters that ended on 12/31/2017 show that our system exceeds the standards, or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for total trihalomethanes (TTHM). The MCL for TTHM is calculated based on locational running annual averages (LRAA) of samples collected from the last four (4) quarters. The LRAA of TTHM at 1 of 4 sampling locations is 0.084 mg/L. This value exceeds the respective MCL for TTHM of 0.080 mg/L.

What should I do?

At this time, **no** alternative source of water is necessary. However, if you have any specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Some people who drink water containing TTHM 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 Happened? What is being done?

When disinfectants are used in the treatment of drinking water, disinfectants react with naturally-occurring organic and inorganic matter present in water to form DBPs. We have taken the following corrective actions: **The Water Utilities Division will be installing an aeration system in the Kent Heights Tank. This system is designed to significantly reduce DBP's.** We anticipate resolving the problem by **August 2018**.

If you have any questions, please contact the East Providence Water Utilities Division at 401-435-7741

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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