

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION**  
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**  
**HAA5 VIOLATION AT The Heard County Water Authority Water System**

Our community water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have the right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation. We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. We have been notified by the State that our water system exceeded the maximum contaminant levels (MCL) for the following:

| <b>Violation ID</b> | <b>Compliance Period</b>         | <b>Site #</b> | <b>Analyte</b> | <b>Concentration</b> | <b>MCL</b> |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------|------------|
| 2024-22822          | 1Q2024 – 01/01/2024 – 03/31/2024 | 502           | HAA5           | 0.062 mg/L           | 0.060 mg/L |

**What should I do?**

There is nothing you need to do at this time. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. Residents should not be alarmed and do not need to seek alternative water supplies. The supplier is taking corrective actions to ensure that adequate monitoring and reporting will be maintained. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.

**What does this mean?**

*Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.* 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.

**What happened? What is being done?**

We are required to monitor your drinking water for the presence of disinfection byproducts (DBPs) on a quarterly basis. This is a continuation notice from the original violation notice in regards to the results from the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2023 sampling. The maximum contaminant level (MCL) for HAA5 is calculated based on locational running annual averages (LRAA) of samples collected from the last four (4) quarters. While our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2024 sampling results did lower our LRAA below the MCL of .060 mg/L, we are still required to send a violation notice when the notice is received in regards to the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2024 sampling results. We are working to minimize the formation of HAA5 while ensuring we maintain an adequate level of disinfectant. We have taken additional steps to change disinfectant levels, remove natural organic matter, and increased flushing of water lines to determine if our efforts have been effective.

For more information, please contact Matthew Dean at (706) 675-6435.

\*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 provided by **Heard County Water Authority**

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