

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Contaminant, Haloacetic Acid 5 (HAA5) MCL Violation at Okeechobee Utility Authority

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 we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of the drinking water contaminants, Haloacetic Acid 5 (HAA5) at several locations in our distribution system. Testing results from December 2018 through September 2019 show that our system exceeds the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for HAA5. The standard for HAA5 is 60. It is determined by averaging all samples collected by our system for the last 12 months. The level of HAA5 averaged at our system from December 2018 thru September 2019 was 62.98 at our location of NW 10th Ave & 5th St.

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.

What does this mean?

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

HAA5 are five haloacetic acid compounds which form when disinfectants react with natural organic matter in the water.

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

What is being done?

We will continue to flush and monitor on a quarterly basis as required by FDEP, until the HAA5s are below the MCL.

For more information, please contact Kevin Rogers 863-763-3239.

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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