

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

### CHEMICAL OR RADIOLOGICAL MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL) EXCEEDANCE

ESTE INFORME CONTIENE INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE ACERCA DE SU AGUA POTABLE. HAGA QUE ALGUIEN LO TRADUZCA PARA USTED, O HABLE CON ALGUIEN QUE LO ENTIENDA.

Fawn Hill Well Entry point 102 Has Levels of Arsenic  
Above Drinking Water Standards

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 did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received on 7/2/2020 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for Arsenic. The standard for Arsenic is 0.01 mg / L. Arsenic was found at a level of 0.02 mg / L in your drinking water.

#### What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- 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.

**You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

#### What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, The health advisory language for arsenic is as follows:

"Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer."

**What happened? What was done?** A retest was done and came back None detect ( No Arsenic level found).

We anticipate resolving the problem within Quaterly testing will be done for Arsenic at Fawn Hill Well Entry point 102..

For more information, please contact Wallenpaupack lake est. Water & Sewer dept at 570-689 7007.

*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 Wallenpaupack Lake Estates Water and Sewer Department.

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I am posting this information to help explain some unanswered questions and concerns.

First I want to start by saying all of the water in W.L.E is safe to drink and is meeting all required regulations. We are required to make any MCL that exceeds limit public notice. A series of many samples were taken in the second quarter from all 6 wells. These particular samples are required to be done every 3 years. The reason there was a delay in the notification was due to the re-test sample result coming back none detected, which means nothing found and DEP was determining whether a tier 2 notification was still necessary. On Tuesday August 4, 2020 we were notified to post the required notice by August 10th 2020. We are following DEP guidelines how things like this are required to be addressed. And these types of notices are not uncommon in public and community water systems. And if it was anything serious DEP would make us take different measures. Hundreds of contaminants are tested in well water . We test some things daily, weekly, monthly, yearly, quarterly, and every three years depending on our required regulations mandated by DEP and EPA . With the first test result level exceeding the MCL we are required to test 4 quarters in a row if all are below MCL we go back to every 3 years. Also remember the retest sample was taken which came back non detect . Since lab errors are not uncommon and labs are not required to retest the original sample, we have notified the lab that if this ever happens again, they need to perform a retest on the original sample to eliminate a possible lab error result.

I hope this helps clear up some questions and concerns. Please if anyone has any other questions or concerns let me know. I would be more than happy to answer them.

Thank you,

Brian Schan  
Director of Water and Sewer