

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Murray State College routinely monitors for the presence of drinking water contaminants. As a result of this monitoring we found that our water system recently violated drinking water standards. 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.

Murray State College's water system had levels of haloacetic acids (HAA5) above drinking water standards. Testing results we received for April 2015 through March 2016 showed that our system exceeded the standards, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for haloacetic acids. The standard or MCL for haloacetic acids is 0.060 mg/l. This average is determined by averaging all the samples collected at each sampling location for the past 12 months. The level of haloacetic acids averaged 0.061 for the time period of April 2015 through March 2016.

What should I do? There is nothing you need to do unless you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant or are elderly. These people may be at increased risk and if concerned should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

What does this mean? This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What happened? What is being done? The historical record breaking rains and flooding which occurred during 2015 caused an unprecedented spike in the organic levels of our source water. Haloacetic Acids are compounds which form when disinfectants react with natural organic matter in the water. Although source water levels have returned to normal, we have been and are continuing to work to minimize the formation of HAA5 while ensuring we maintain adequate levels of disinfectant. We have also taken additional samples throughout the system to determine if our efforts have been effective. The samples show that we are now meeting the standards.

For further information contact: Gary Cook, Murray State College Facilities Office, One Murray Campus, Tishomingo, OK 73460.

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, schools, and businesses).

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Signed: _____

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