

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION
ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**
**Exceeded Maximum Contaminant Level
For Haloacetic Acids**

CHARLES TOWN UTILITIES, WV3301905

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, you, as our customers have the right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct the situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Test results between 7/1/20 and 9/30/20 show that our system exceeds the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL) of Haloacetic Acids (HAA5's)

The average level of Haloacetic acids (HAA5's) over the last four quarters was 61.5 ug/L at the Boundary Street, Ranson location. The standard for Haloacetic Acids is 60.0 ug/L



What should I do?

You do not need to use an alternative source (e.g. bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, it is recommended that you consult with your doctor.

What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing Haloacetic Acids (HAA5's) in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What happened? What is being done?

The Charles Town Utility Board collected samples from the Boundary Street, Ranson area that showed elevated levels of Haloacetic Acids (HAA5's) over the last 2 quarters. We have changed our primary disinfectant at the water treatment plant which will lower these levels, as they are by-products of the disinfection process. Additionally, we have engaged our engineering firm with exploring other, more long term solutions to these issues. We are continuing to sample locations throughout the water system to monitor these levels.

For more information, please contact Chris Hutzler at 304-725-3761 or 661 South George St, Suite 101, Charles Town, WV 25414.

Please share this information with all other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this public 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 by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by: **CHARLES TOWN UTILITY BOARD**

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