

# NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

### Richmond County Water System Has Levels of Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. 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.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Because of an exceedance during the quarter ending December 30<sup>th</sup> 2016 the LRAA was elevated above the MCL. The latest quarterly test results of samplings taken on February 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 and May 12<sup>th</sup> 2017 show that our system is less than the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs). Yet the LRAA or average level of TTHMs at one or more sites for the last 12 months is .083 mg/L. The standard for TTHMs is 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/L).

#### What should I do?

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, *some people who drink the water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.*

#### What happened? What is being done? When will the problem be corrected?

The Richmond County Water System has implemented several corrective actions that have been effective and returned the TTHM level in all areas of the system below the standard. Those include: reduced chlorine usage, regular flushing of system water lines and close monitoring of water tank levels.

*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.*

For more information, please contact:

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