

# **DRINKING WATER NOTICE**

**Southwest Harbor Water Department PWSID#91490**

## **Level of Total Trihalomethanes and Haloacetic Acids Exceeds Federal Drinking Water Standard**

### **4th Qtr 2008**

Water tests conducted each calendar quarter showed that the average levels of Trihalomethanes in the drinking water were above the maximum contaminant level (MCL) allowed. The MCL is 80 parts per billion (ppb) and our sampling showed the running annual average during the 4th calendar quarter 2008 is 114.7 ppb.

### **What You Should Do**

There is nothing that you need to do at this time, other than be aware that the water has Trihalomethanes above the allowable level and to take any precautions your doctor advises if you have specific health problems.

### **Possible Health Effects**

Some people who drink 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.

### **Steps We Are Taking**

The Town has signed a Consent Agreement with the Maine Department of Human Services to establish a schedule of continued testing as well as possible equipment changes to bring the Town into full compliance with MCL maximums.

The Town will continue to work with Olver Associates under the requirements of the Consent Agreement, to make changes in the day-to-day plant operation, and chemical additives used, to bring the plant into compliance.

We anticipate resolving the problem by June 30, 2012. We will inform you when this problem has been corrected. For more information, please contact Allen Willey of the Southwest Harbor Water Department at 244-3948, or PO Box 745, Southwest Harbor, ME 04679.