

DRINKING WATER NOTICE

Southwest Harbor Water Department PWSID#91490

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

1st Qtr 2007

Water tests conducted each calendar quarter showed that the average levels of Trihalomethanes and Haloacetic Acids in the drinking water were above the maximum contaminant level (MCL) allowed. The MCL for trihalomethanes is 80 parts per billion (ppb) and our sampling showed the running annual average for the first quarter 2007 at 93.7 ppb. The MCL for haloacetic acids is 60 ppb, and our sampling showed the running annual average for 1st quarter 2007 was 71.3 ppb.

2nd Qtr 2007

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 for 2nd calendar quarter 2007 was 95.6 ppb.

3rd Qtr. 2007

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 for 3rd calendar quarter 2007 is 82.9 ppb.

4th Qtr. 2007

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 for 4th calendar quarter 2007 is 103.4 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 and haloacetic acids above the allowable levels 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. . To date, those changes have brought the levels of Haloacetic Acid below the MCL maximum.

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.