

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Haloacetic Acid 5 (HAA5) MCL Violation at South Deerfield Water Supply District

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

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results from July 9th, 2021, show that our system exceeded the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for HAA5. The standard for HAA5 is 60 parts per billion (ppb). It is determined by averaging all samples collected at each sampling location for the past 12 months. The level of HAA5 averaged at our system's location for July 9th was 67 ppb.

What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.
- If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours. HAA5 are five haloacetic acid compounds which form when disinfectants react with natural organic matter in the water. The MCL is based on the potential health risks associated with drinking water with elevated levels of HAA5 over decades or a lifetime.

People who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Please see <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/haa5-in-drinking-water-information-for-consumers> for more information on HAA5s.

What is being done?

The South Deerfield Water Supply District is currently looking at alternative treatment strategies for the treatment of iron and manganese. We anticipate resolving the problem within 4 months.

For more information, please contact Dan at (413) 665-3540 or email ddion.sdwater@gmail.com or

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.

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