



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

### **Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) MCL Violation at Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (SMCMUA) - PWS ID# NJ1424001**

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.

*Este informe contiene información importante sobre su agua potable.  
Si no lo entiende, por favor alguien tiene que traducir para usted.*

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 10/01/2017 – 09/30/2018 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for TTHM. The standard for TTHM is 80 micrograms per liter (ug/L). Sample location specific compliance with the standard is determined by calculating sample averages for individual sampling locations of the past 4 quarters (i.e. 12 months). The TTHM level average at one of our system's locations for 10/01/2017 – 09/30/2018 was 86 ug/L.

#### **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. TTHM are four volatile organic chemicals which form when disinfectants react with natural organic matter in the water.

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*\*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.\**

**What is being done?**

TTHMs can increase as the water ages in the distribution system. Our review of the data collected indicates that the TTHM exceedance is a result of high water age in the affected area. To mitigate the TTHM exceedance, we have made changes to our operating strategy to decrease the water age in the distribution system. These corrective actions include increasing the turnover rates of the finished water in the water storage tanks and implementing additional hydrant flushing programs in the affected area. We anticipate resolving the problem prior to collection of the next required samples scheduled to be collected in early October 2018. Our long-term solution is to improve water circulation by looping together dead-end water lines and installation of several automatic line flushing devices.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.smcmua.org](http://www.smcmua.org) or contact our Customer Service Department at 973-326-6880, [customerservice@smcmua.org](mailto:customerservice@smcmua.org), or SMCMUA, 19 Saddle Road, Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927. This notice is being sent to you by SMCMUA. State Water System ID#: NJ1424001.

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