Arsenic MCL Template

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Village of Ashkum Has Levels of Arsenic 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. Testing results we received during compliance period 7/1/2026-9/30/2026 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for arsenic. The standard for arsenic is 0.010 milligrams per liter (mg/L). The average level of arsenic over the last year was 0.013 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 a notification of your health risk due to exposure to elevated levels of arsenic.

Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What happened? What is being done?

We are contacting the Village Engineer to find a solution. We anticipate resolving the problem in 2027.

For more information, please contact Derek Miller at 815 370-4414 or derekmiller2120@gmail.com

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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