##### **PUBLIC NOTIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Since S2 DBPs results exceeded the MCL during the September through December 2021 compliance periods, it is required that this water system issue public notice to the consumers of its water. Public notification is to be issued **30 days** of this notice. The specific exceedance that has occurred is noted below:

The LRAA results for TTHMs were above the MCL of 80 µg/L

The LRAA results for HAA5s were above the MCL of 60 µg/L

Either method 1 or 2 must be used to issue public notice, in addition to method 3 for community water systems with a population greater than 3300:

1. US Mail. Submit a copy of the actual notice mailed to serve as proof of distribution.
2. Hand Delivery and Continuous Posting. Submit a copy of the actual notice posted to serve as proof of distribution. Posting must continue for as long as the results exceed the MCLs, but in no case less than 7 days.
3. Publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the affected area. A copy of the published notice will serve as proof of distribution.

## Please note that the public notice must be reissued at least once every 3 months as long as the MCL(s) is exceeded.

The attached public notice is appropriate for hand delivery or mail. However, you may wish to modify it before using it. If you do, you must still include all the required elements and leave the health effects language in *italics* unchanged. This language is mandatory. Also, each notice shall be conspicuous and shall not contain unduly technical language, unduly small print, or similar problems, which would frustrate the purpose of the notice.

In your notice, please indicate what might be the cause of the exceedances and the corrective actions you are taking. Listed below are some steps commonly taken by water systems with high levels of DBPs. Use one or more of the following actions, if appropriate, or develop your own:

* We are flushing the water system.
* We are reducing the chlorine residual to help reduce DBPs.
* We are increasing sampling for DBPs.
* We will inform you when additional samples show levels of DBPs below the MCLs.
* We will sample (have sampled) for the current quarter/month on \_\_\_\_\_ date and will submit these results to the Department as required.

Within 10 days after issuing/posting the public notice, you must submit a copy of the attached *PWS Certification of Delivery of Public Notice* form, along with a copy of the notice (as explained above) to this office:

Department of Environmental Protection

Attn: Potable Water Section

8800 Baymeadows Way West, Suite 100

Jacksonville, FL 32256

Electronic Submittals: DEP\_NED@dep.state.fl.us

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

River Park Utilities Management AssociationDisinfection Byproducts Monitoring Public Notice

**What happened?**

Our water system did not meet the requirements of 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 from samples taken December 8, 2021, when averaged with quarterly results from the past year, show that our system exceeds the standards, or maximum contaminant levels (MCL), for S2 DBPs, which includes Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) and Haloacetic Acids [Five] (HAA5s). The standard for TTHMs 80 micrograms per liter (µg/L) and the standard for HAA5s is 60 µg/L.

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| Location | Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA) |
| 148 Hicks St HAA5s | **91.53 µg/L\*** |
| 148 Hicks St TTHMs | **140.00 µg/L\*** |
| 210 South Hayes HAA5s | **114.20 µg/L\*** |
| 210 South Hayes TTHMs | **165.25 µg/L\*** |

**\* LRAA exceeded MCL**

**What should I do?**

*Some people who drink water containing TTHMs 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.*

*Some people who drink water containing HAA5s in excess of the MCL over many years may have an in-creased risk of getting cancer.*

Any customers who are concerned about their exposure to DBPs may choose alternative sources of water for ingestion.

**What does this mean?**

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately.

**What is being done?**

This is what we are doing to lower our DBPs levels: Work has begun on plant upgrades. We are awaiting CL analyzer equipment. We have installed new flushes and have made changes to our flushing schedules.

We anticipate resolving the problem within this time frame: six months

For more information, please contact John Jackson , at 386-467-9113

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.

This notice is being sent to you by **River Park Utilities Management Association**

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