

# Clarksdale Public Utilities

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

### CLARKSDALE PUBLIC UTILITIES Has Levels of TTHM 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 did (are doing) to correct this situation. We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. On January 25, 2024, we received a notice dated January 11, 2024, that the water system failed to comply with the standards for Disinfection By-Products samples according to the *Safe Drinking Water Act* during the monitoring period ending the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2023. Samples collected during the past year showed that our system exceeded the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for TTHM (Total Trihalomethane). The standard for TTHM is 0.080 mg/L. The average level of TTHM over the last year has been 0.081 mg/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. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- 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, you would have been notified within 24 hours. However, 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.

#### What is being done?

- We are working to minimize the formation of TTHM while ensuring we maintain an adequate level of disinfectant. We have taken additional steps to change disinfectant type/levels, remove natural organic matter, and increased flushing of water lines to determine if our efforts have been effective.
- We anticipate resolving the problem within the next several months.

#### For more information, please contact:

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