



TOWN OF SUNAPEE

Water and Sewer Commission

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER **Sunapee's Drinking Water Contains High Levels of Disinfection By-Products**

NOTICE OF STANDARD MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL) VIOLATION

The Sunapee water system recently violated drinking water standards. 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 are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. The locational running annual average (LRAA) is determined by averaging all the samples collected at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters. The LRAA standard for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) is 0.080 mg/L. The Testing results for the 3rd quarter of 2019 showed that our system had exceeded the maximum contaminant level for TTHM when calculating the LRAA.

The LRAA of TTHM exceeded the MCL of 0.080 mg/L at our system's sampling location.

The LRAA was 0.090 mg/L

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, *some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidney or central nervous system and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.*

What should I do?

It is not necessary to use alternate water; however, if you have specific health concerns, please contact your health care professional. General health related questions may be directed to Dave Gordon of the NHDES Environmental Health Program at (603) 271-4608.

Steps We Are Taking: The Sunapee Water & Sewer Commission's consultant has completed a preliminary design of several processes that may be used at the Sunapee Slow Sand Filter Plant to help remove the TTHM's and the anticipated costs for the construction of each option. The Commission is discussing the options and will present their intended solution to the NH DES for their approval, then will commence final design and construction as quickly as possible. The Commission will be presenting a warrant article for the funding of said design and construction on the March ballot, please cast your vote in favor of this.

We had anticipated resolving the problem within the first six months but have been unsuccessful in resolving it with the methods that were tried. We are however anticipating the problem will be resolved by December of next year. For more information, please contact David Bailey, Superintendent of The Sunapee Water and Sewer Department at 603-763-2115 or P.O. Box 347, Sunapee, NH 03782

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.