



**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 1st 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 0.087

**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:** Sunapee Water Department conducted some studies along with the help of a consultant to attempt to determine the cause of the violation and the consultant has given the Town some different options that could be utilized to correct the problem. The Commission is currently collaborating with NH DES and the consultant to choose the option which will alleviate the issue and is the most feasible to initiate within the Sunapee water system.

We anticipate resolving the problem within the next six months. 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.*