IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

MONITORING REQUIREMENTS NOT MET FOR

Pasco Regional Water System PWS# 651-1361
Southeast Water Treatment Plant

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customer, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct the situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During the first quarter of 2018, our water system failed to collect a Carbon Tetrachloride samples as required, and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.

To protect the general public from exposure to carbon tetrachloride, the federal government has limited or banned the use of this compound in most common household products and fire extinguishers, and has discontinued its use as a pesticide. EPA has also set limits on how much carbon tetrachloride can be released from an industrial plant into waste water and is preparing to set limits on how much carbon tetrachloride can escape from an industrial plant into outside air. To ensure that drinking water supplies are safe, EPA has set a Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for carbon tetrachloride of 3 micrograms per liter (ug/L), based on analytical detection limits in drinking water. Because carbon tetrachloride is possibly carcinogenic to humans, a Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) of zero has been proposed.

What should I do?
There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. You may continue to drink the water. No adverse health effects are believed to have resulted from this failure to collect the required Carbon Tetrachloride samples. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of potential hazards are available from EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800)-426-4791.

What is being done?
We have since collected the required sample for the first quarter of 2018, on April 25, 2018. The sample tested was below the state mandated limit of 3 micrograms per liter (ug/L). A new sample tracking system has been established on the computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS) that will notify the sample team when this sample is due. This matter is now considered resolved.

This notice is provided by Pasco County Utilities Department. For more information, please contact Jim Kaplan at 813-929-2755 Extension 6882.

Please share this information with 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.