

Fawn-Frazer Joint Water Authority

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

FAWN-FRAZER JOINT WATER AUTHORITY has levels of Total Trihalomethanes above Drinking Water Standards.

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

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. Testing results that we received on September 13, 2021 and December 18, 2021 – as well as March 22, 2022 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for Total Trihalomethanes. **The MCL for Total Trihalomethanes is 80 parts per billion (ppb), based upon a running annual average of four quarterly tests.** Our Total Trihalomethanes running annual average for the third and fourth quarters of 2021 was 82.1; and Quarter 1 of 2022 was 85.5.

What should I do?

You do **not need to use an alternative (e.g. bottled) water supply.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. 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, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What happened? What was done?

Fawn-Frazer Joint Water Authority purchases water from Brackenridge Borough and Harrison Township Water Authority. Chlorine is used as a disinfectant at the Brackenridge Borough and Harrison Township Water Authority water treatment plants. Chlorine reacts with organic and inorganic matter to form chemicals called disinfection by-products (DBP=s), including those DBP=s called trihalomethanes.

We are working with Brackenridge Borough, Harrison Township Water Authority and the Allegheny County Health Department to evaluate the water supply and researching options to correct the problem. Samples are taken on a regular basis to monitor the trihalomethanes and other contaminants. **Options include modifying the levels of chlorine used at the treatment plant or chloramination at the treatment plant. Water treated with chloramines, rather than chlorine, will limit the formation of Total Trihalomethanes.**

For more information, please contact the Fawn-Frazer Joint Water Authority at 724-224-6562 or email manager@ffjwa.com

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.**