

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

### The City of Belton Has Levels of Disinfection Byproducts (DBPs) 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 are doing to correct this situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for the presence of disinfection byproducts (DBPs) on a quarterly basis. The DBPs test results from the last four (4) quarters that ends on March 31, 2020 show that our system exceeds the standards, or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for total trihalomethanes (TTHM). MCL for TTHM is calculated based on locational running annual averages (LRAA) of samples collected from the last four (4) quarters. The LRAA of TTHM at 242A Murphy Road is at 0.086 mg/L. This value exceeds the respective MCLs for TTHM of 0.080 mg/L.

What should I do?

At this time, **no** alternative source of water is necessary. However, if you have any specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Some people who drink water containing TTHM 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 is being done?

When disinfectants are used in the treatment of drinking water, disinfectants react with naturally- occurring organic and inorganic matter present in water to form DBPs. We are taking/have taken the following corrective actions: The higher concentration of the DBPs is due to the BHP Water Authority raising the pH of the drinking water to make the water less corrosive because of the lead issues. Effective February 1, 2020, the BHP Water Authority decreased the amount of chemicals being fed to increase the water pH. This will correct the higher levels of the DBPs. BHP Water Authority is still continuing to feed the anti-corrosive chemical to address the lead action level exceedances that have occurred. The DBP results for January 2020 are below the MCL for TTHM of 0.080 mg/L.

We anticipate resolving the problem within the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2020. (This is due to the running annual average that is calculated over the last 4 quarters).

If you have any questions, please contact the City of Belton at 864-338-0058 Ext. 151  
or City of Belton, PO Box 828, Belton, SC 29627

*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.*

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