

PUBLIC NOTICE

Important Information about your drinking water...The City of Paris Combined Utilities has levels of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) 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 the situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results that we received for 12/1/2015 – 12/31/2015 shows that our system did not meet the treatment technique requirement for Total Organic Carbon (TOC). (TOC) is based on a monthly ratio of the treatment percent TOC removal achieved to the percent TOC removal required. Annual average of the monthly ratios must be 1.0 or greater for compliance to be achieved. Our calculated average for TOC for 12/1/2015 – 12/31/2015 was .82.

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 you doctor.

What does this mean? This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Total Organic Carbon (TOC) has no health effects. However, TOC provides a medium for the formation of disinfectant byproducts. These byproducts include trihalomethanes (THM's), and Haloacetic acids (HAA's). Drinking water containing these byproducts in excess of the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) may lead to adverse health effects, liver or kidney problems, or nervous system effects, and may lead to an increased risk of getting cancer.

What happened? What is being done? We feel that TOC levels in Stoner Creek, our water source, were elevated. We have enhanced and increased our treatment processes with additional activated carbon and sodium permanganate to try to remedy this situation. For more information contact Eddie Earlywine at 859-987-2118 during normal business hours or check our website at paris.ky.gov.

Please share this information with all 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. This notice is being sent to you by the City of Paris Combined Utilities. Water system ID # KY0090343

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