IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Monitoring Requirements Not Met for East Chicago WaterWorks

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NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
OF THE CITY OF EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA

This notice is being sent to you by the City of East Chicago, IN Water Works. 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 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 our drinking water meets EPA's health standards. The 01/01/2023 to 03/31/2023 testing for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) and Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) was either not performed or failed to comply with all the requirements of the Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule (Stage 2 DBPR); therefore, we cannot be sure of the quality of the water at that time.

What should I do? *You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply. If you have specific health concerns, please consult your doctor.*

What does this mean? *This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Some people who drink Trihalomethanes in excess of the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) over many years may experience problem with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. Some people who drink water containing Haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.*

What Happened? What is being done? *We inadvertently did not timely collect samples and/or report result for the period of 01/01/2023 to 03/31/2023 as required. The following reflects the contaminants that were not properly tested for, how often we are supposed to sample for these contaminants, how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the dates we will collect follow-up samples. We are making every effort to ensure compliance and that this does not occur again.*

Contaminant:	*TTHM/HAA5*
Required sampling frequency:	*Every 90 Days*
Number of samples taken:	*0*
When all samples should have been collected:	*01/01/2023 to 03/31/2023*
Date additional samples will be collected:	*03/14/2023*

For additional information, please contact:

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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. For more information and to view the full 2023 Water Quality Report for East Chicago, IN, go to www.eastchicago.com.