

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Monthly Total Organic Carbon Removal Requirements Not Being Met by the Cimarron Water System

Our water system recently violated a drinking water regulation. 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 monitor monthly for Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal and maintain a running annual average (RAA) of the results. During the third and fourth quarters of 2021 the RAA for TOC removal was less than required.

What does this mean?

This ongoing TOC violation is not an emergency. If it had been you would have been notified immediately.

Total organic carbon has no health effects. However, TOC provides a medium for the formation of disinfection by-products. These by-products include trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAAs). Drinking water containing these by-products 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.

Tests taken during this time period **did not** indicate the presence of disinfection byproducts in excess of their MCLs.

What should I do?

You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, please contact your health care professional.

What is being done?

We are working with NMED to improve water treatment. We will have a new treatment plant later this Spring designed to reduce TOC.

We anticipate resolving the TOC problem within 6 months with the start up of the new water treatment plant.

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