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Public Notification

Please find attached a public notification for all Manchester Utility Authority customers detailing an issue of non-compliance for the timing of construction of an automatic flushing station on Preakness Avenue. The Authority would like to clarify the details of this public notice. This violation pertains to completion of the construction only. The Authority was required to complete the installation of the automatic flusher by July 30, 2023. Due to unanticipated delays, the Authority requested an extension. We anticipate construction will be completed by December 29, 2023.

Please understand that this public notification is mandatory by state and federal regulations as a result of construction delays **not** water quality. **Manchester Utility Authority is currently in compliance with TTHM standards and your water is safe.**

Lead Service Line Inventory

Manchester Utilities Authority is also continuing to identify the types of materials of all water services located in our system in compliance with NJDEP Lead Service Line Inventory requirements. To support those ongoing efforts, we have included information on how you can self-report the water service material that is located in your building or residence. We would appreciate it if you took the time to review the attached identification instructions and to complete the survey. Upon completion, you can email the form and pictures back to the Authority to assist us on updating our records. Please send the form and pictures to: info@muawater.net

If you have any questions regarding the required Public Notification, or water quality issues you are welcome to contact Robert De Block of De Block Environmental Services at 973-998-9100.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Manchester Utilities Authority Failed to Complete All Remedial Measures to Bring Our Water into Compliance with a Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Within One Year

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

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. During the 1st and 2nd quarter of 2022, we exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for Trihalomethanes (TTHM). Our water system is required to take any action necessary to bring the water system into compliance with the applicable MCL within one-year from the initial violation. Our water system failed to meet this requirement within the one-year deadline.

You were previously notified of the Trihalomethanes (TTHM) MCL violation in public notice(s) issued on 04/04/2022 and 07/01/2022.

What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. 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 is being done?

We anticipate completing the remedial measures by approximately December 29, 2023.

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The Authority has not exceeded the MCL for TTHM since the 4th quarter 2022, but we failed to complete all of the remedial measures that we had originally planned. The Authority planned on installing an automatic flusher and a sampling station on Preakness Avenue in November 2022. Unfortunately, that project has been delayed. The Authority's engineer have determined that an automatic flusher will not reduce TTHMs formation. A subsequent remedial measure was implemented to increase the turnover rate of the water storage tank, which was completed in June 2023. The new flusher and sampling station is projected to be installed by December 29, 2023. The Authority has completed the following remedial measures: monitored free chlorine residuals, monitored and sampled TTHM throughout the system to track down where the TTHMs were forming, and completed the seasonal flushing in the fall and spring. The Authority also implemented daily manual flushing on Preakness Avenue.

For more information, please contact Robert De Block at 973-998-9100.

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.

This notice is being sent to you by [system]. State Water System ID#: 1603001.

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