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Please find attached a public notification for all Manchester Utility Authority customers detailing an issue of non-compliance for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) for third quarter 2024.

First, please understand that the language in the public notification is mandatory by state and federal regulations. This is an ongoing public notification from an exceedance of the annual average of 80 ug/L. The most recent TTHM sample results from 8/07/2024, at James Court, make the annual average 69 ug/L, but we are required to notify residents for another two quarters to ensure we keep the annual average below 80 ug/L.

The notice itself is a form letter which must be delivered with little modification. Water systems are only able to revise the "What is being done?" section to suit the system's individual situation. Please read this section carefully when you receive the notice as it is the description of our specific situation.

The sections "What should I do?" and "What does this mean?" pertain specifically to TTHM exposure. As noted in the Public Notification the potential health effects relate to drinking water over many years. TTHMs have not exceeded the standard for many years and this Public Notification assists in ensuring ongoing communication between the MUA and our customers.

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

**MANCHESTER UTILITIES AUTHORITY WATER LINES SURVEY - Help Us Get the Lead Out!**

**Please "pipe up" and help us by answering a few questions related to your water service line material.** Water service lines connect our water main to your home or property and can be made of copper, plastic, galvanized steel, iron, or lead. Your assistance is very important in helping us meet the goal of identifying and replacing lead and galvanized service lines by 2031.

Please complete the Water Line Material Identification Surveys previously mailed to all customers and available online below. Paper copies are also available at the Manchester Utilities Authority front desk in the Haledon Municipal Complex (510 Belmont Avenue, Haledon, NJ). If you have any questions about the Authority's lead service line inventory, please contact us by email at [info@muawater.net](mailto:info@muawater.net). If you would like to schedule an appointment for the Authority's staff or representatives to complete the Water Line Material Identification Survey, please contact Rama Jamoukha at 973-942-6538 ext. 2 or by email at [rjamoukha@haledonboronj.com](mailto:rjamoukha@haledonboronj.com).

QR code for the survey:



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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

You were previously notified on 7/2/2024 that our water system recently violated the drinking water standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for TTHM from 04/01/2024 to 06/30/2024. **The Manchester Utilities Authority is happy to report that the LRAA after the 3rd quarter, 07/01/2024 – 09/30/2024 sampling, is a 69 mg/L.** We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation.

The standard for TTHM is 80 micrograms per liter ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ). It is determined by averaging all the samples collected at each sampling location for the past 12 months (a locational running annual average (LRAA)). The LRAA level(s) of TTHM at one of the four sampling locations exceeded the standard:

<b>Site</b>	<b>LRAA (<math>\mu\text{g/L}</math>)</b>
Stage 1 - #25, Hydrant at James Court	69

For more details see NJ Drinking Water Watch at: [https://www9.state.nj.us/DEP\\_WaterWatch\\_public/index.jsp](https://www9.state.nj.us/DEP_WaterWatch_public/index.jsp) and enter the New Jersey public water system identification number (PWSID) at the bottom of this notice.

### **What should I do?**

- There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.
- 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 an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours. TTHM are four volatile organic chemicals all of which form when disinfectants react with natural organic matter in the water. This is commonly known as a disinfection by-product (DBP).

*\*People who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the standard or 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?**

- The last three quarters (4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2023, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2024, and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2024) results were below 80 ug/L.

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. \**

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