



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

### CHEMICAL OR RADIOLOGICAL MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL) EXCEEDANCE

ESTE INFORME CONTIENE INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE ACERCA DE SU AGUA POTABLE. HAGA QUE ALGUIEN LO TRADUZCA PARA USTED, O HABLE CON ALGUIEN QUE LO ENTIENDA.

#### The Altoona Water Authority Has Levels of Thallium Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received on September 8<sup>th</sup> 2022 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for thallium. The standard for thallium is 0.002 mg/L. Thallium was found at a level of 0.00572 mg/L in your drinking water.

#### 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.

**You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

#### What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately.

#### What happened? What was done?

This Maximum Contaminant Level Exceedance was the result of an improper sampling technique. We anticipate resolving the problem by adjusting our sampling procedure and taking additional samples. For more information, please contact the Customer Service Department at 814-949-2540, Option 2.

*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 the Altoona Water Authority.