



Town of Edenton
PO Box 300
Edenton, NC 27932

February 6, 2015
Notice to the Public

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Town of Edenton (Water System # NC 04-21-010) was recently advised by the State (NC Public Water Supply Section) that we 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 this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Monitoring results for water samples during the time period ending December 31, 2014 show that the contaminant concentration for one of our sampling locations in our water system exceeded the standard or the maximum contaminant levels (MCL) for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs). The standard for TTHMs is 0.80 mg/l. Over the referenced compliance period, the sample location with the highest average level of TTHMs had a concentration of 0.101 mg/l.

What should you 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 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 (the State defines many years as 70 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? TTHMs occur as a result of the way we process our water, the chlorine interacts with naturally occurring organics in our water and create the TTHMs. We have increased our flushing program and will monitor chlorine levels throughout the water system to help reduce TTHMs.

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 by distributing copies by hand or mail.

For more information about TTHMs, contact Public Works Director John Norris at john.norris@edenton.nc.gov , 252-482-4111 or me at anne-marie.knighton@edenton.nc.gov , 252-482-7352.

Sincerely,

Anne Marie Knighton
Town Manager