

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Fellsmere

PWS No. 3314280

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

The City of Fellsmere routinely monitors for drinking water contaminants. Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) and Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) are by-products caused by the disinfection of the water using chlorine. The state of Florida as well as many other states requires the use of a disinfectant to minimize the possibility of bacterial contamination in the drinking water distribution system. The Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) set by the Department of Environmental Protection for TTHMs is 80 parts per billion (ppb) and for HAA5s is 60 ppb. The last test results for samples collected on 9/06/06 were 174 ppb for TTHM and 189 ppb for HAA5. Based on test results for samples collected in previous quarters and the last quarter (9/06/06), the running annual averages (RAA) for TTHM and HAA5 are shown in the table below. Based on the RAAs for TTHM and HAA5, an MCL violation still exists.

SAMPLE DATE	TTHM (ppb)	HAA5 (ppb)
<i>Fourth Quarter, 2005 11/29, 12/19/05</i>	<i>186.75 ppb</i>	<i>127.25 ppb</i>
<i>First Quarter, 2006 1/26/06</i>	<i>184 ppb</i>	<i>142 ppb</i>
<i>Second Quarter, 2006 5/15/06</i>	<i>216ppb</i>	<i>131 ppb</i>
<i>Third Quarter, 2006 9/06/06</i>	<i>174 ppb</i>	<i>189 ppb</i>
RUNNING ANNUAL AVERAGE	190.19 ppb	147.32 ppb

What should I do?

You do not need to boil your water or take corrective actions. However if you have specific health concerns, please consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

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

Some people who drink water containing TTHMs in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys or central nervous system and may increase their risk of getting cancer. Some people who drink water containing HAA5 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What corrective action is being taken?

The City of Fellsmere is working with the Department of Environmental Protection to take the necessary corrective action to address these MCL exceedances for TTHM and HAA5 samples. These actions include monthly sampling and testing. The City is moving forward with construction plans to change the method used for drinking water disinfection. The new method will hinder the formation of disinfection by-products. Please be assured that while these exceedances do not pose an immediate health risk, The City of Fellsmere is taking this matter very seriously and is doing everything possible to correct this problem.

City of Fellsmere will continue to monitor and report the TTHM and HAA5 results to you on a quarterly basis as long as the running annual average exceeds the MCL, as required by FDEP. If you should have any questions concerning this situation, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Larry W. Napier, C.G.F.O., Finance Director/Interim Utility Director of the City of Fellsmere at 772-571-1616, e-mail financedirector@cityoffellsmere.org or write to him at City of Fellsmere, 21 South Cypress Street, Fellsmere, FL 32948.

Please share this information with 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, mail or email.

Date posted: _____, by the City of Fellsmere.