

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Our water system recently violated drinking water standards. Although this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did to correct this situation.

### **The City of Okmulgee has Levels of Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) above Drinking Water Standards**

Testing results we received for October 2014 through September 2015 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for total trihalomethanes. The standard or MCL for total trihalomethanes is 0.080 mg/l. It is determined by averaging all the samples collected at each sampling location for the past 12 months. The level of total trihalomethanes averaged at our system's locations was **0.099 mg/L**.

**What should I do?** There is nothing you need to do unless you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant or are elderly. These people may be at increased risk and should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

**What does this mean?** This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. 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.

### **City of Okmulgee Did Not Meet Treatment Requirements**

We routinely monitor your water for Total Organic Carbon Removal. This tells us whether we are effectively removing Organic Carbon from the water supply. Our latest calculations have shown that we didn't remove the average percentage of organic carbon required by EPA standards during the twelve-month period of **October 2014 through September 2015**. **What should I do? You do not need to use an alternate water supply or take other actions.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

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### **What happened? What was done?**

The City of Okmulgee started construction at the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) in July of 2011. This construction occurred under a Consent Order with Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, (ODEQ) and the whole purpose of the construction was to reconstruct the WTP, thereby allowing the City to obtain compliance with the Disinfectant By-Product (DBP) Standards of ODEQ and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, (USEPA). This construction is currently 96% complete and behind schedule. With the high demand for water and the existing drought, it is difficult to accomplish critical and necessary shutdown/tie-ins. When the construction is complete, the City should be in compliance with DBP standards. While we may be slightly out of compliance, we expect to be in continuous compliance after completion of the construction project currently in progress at the WTP.

*Please share this information with all 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.*

For more information, please contact Clint Hudgens at (918) 756-3150 or P.O. Box 250, Okmulgee, OK 74447. This notice is being sent to you by the City of Okmulgee. NOV# P-1020708-15-4

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