

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

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

**The City of Okmulgee – OK1020708 has levels of Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) above Drinking Water Standards.** Testing results we received for the **second quarter 2016 through first quarter 2017 and third quarter 2016 through second quarter 2017** 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 **0.089mg/L, 0.093 mg/L and 0.105 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 liver, kidney, or central nervous system problems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**The 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 April 2016 through March 2017, and July 2016 through June 2017. **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.

The City of Okmulgee has taken the following corrective actions to prevent monitoring violations from occurring in the future:

In January of 2002 the United States Environmental Protection Agency set new drinking water standards for disinfection byproducts. Since this time the city's water treatment facility has been diligently working with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality to meet these new standards with the existing equipment. However, it has been determined that the existing facility is unable to meet these new standards. The city's water treatment facility has completed an \$8.7 million project to make necessary major capital improvements to the facility. In June, 2016 the City was placed under a Consent Order by ODEQ. Because of this, additional work is needed to meet the required drinking water standards. The City is working with an engineering firm to make changes to the treatment process that will bring the facility into compliance.

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may 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. Consent Order, Case No 16-116.

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