**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 are doing to correct this situation.

***McCurtain County RWD #6 (Kiamichi RWD #6) Has Levels of Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) Above Drinking Water Standards:***Testing results we received for **January 2020** through **December 2020** show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for total trihalomethanes. It is determined by averaging all the samples collected at each sampling location for the past 12 months. The standard or MCL for total trihalomethanes is **0.080 mg/l**. Our system average for the same twelve months at our system’s locations was **0.084 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. **The Environmental Protection Agency estimates drinking 2 liters of water containing 0.100 mg/L THMs every day for 70 years could result in 3 extra cases of cancer every 10,000 people.**

***McCurtain County RWD #6 (Kiamichi RWD #6) Has Levels of Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) Above Drinking Water Standards:*** Testing results we received for **January 2020** through **December 2020** show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for haloacetic acids. It is determined by averaging all the samples collected at each sampling location for the past 12 months. The standard or MCL for haloacetic acids is **0.060 mg/****L**. The level of haloacetic acids averaged at our system’s locations was **0.073 mg/L** and **0.073mg/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. **The Environmental Protection Agency estimates drinking 2 liters of water containing 0.100 mg/L THMs every day for 70 years could result in 3 extra cases of cancer every 10,000 people.**

***CORRECTIVE ACTION:*** We are continuing to & maintain increase our flushing throughout the system to bring these levels down and decrease water age in our towers.

For further information contact: **Jerry Clagg – System Operator at (580) 982-8003**

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