



CHECOTAH PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY

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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 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 these situations.

The City of Checotah Has Levels of Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) Above Drinking Water Standards

Testing results we received for **October 2012 through September 2013** shows 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. The average level of total trihalomethanes for this time period is **0.091 mg/L**.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. 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.*

What happened? What is being done?

The City's corrective action plan, prepared by the engineering firm of Holloway, Updike and Bellen, has been approved by ODEQ. The plan details the steps to be taken and a timeline to bring the city into compliance with the new standards. Copies are available for public review. Additionally, quarterly notices will be sent out to update the public on this issue. For more information, please contact Checotah Public Works Director Marvin Nichols, Checotah City Hall, 414 W. Gentry, Checotah, Oklahoma 74426, (918)473-5411.

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 distributing copies by hand or mail.

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Marvin Nichols, Chairman
Checotah Public Works Authority



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