

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Conifer High School

High Levels of Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)

Dear Conifer families and staff,

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. Although this situation 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 this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. On 12/05/2023 we were notified that our system exceeds the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5). The MCL is 60 ug/L. While our most recent sample in November was below the MCL at 44.5 ug/L the average level over the last year was 65.4 ug/L due to our high sample in August of 137.5 ug/L.

What should I do? What does this mean?

- You do not need to boil your water or take other actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water.
- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing Haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
- If you have an infant, severely compromised immune system, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your doctor about drinking this water. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by bacteria and other disease-causing organisms are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

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Haloacetic acids are a group of chemicals that are formed along with other disinfection byproducts when chlorine or other disinfectants used to control microbial contaminants in drinking water react with naturally occurring organic and inorganic matter in water. We are working to reduce the levels of Haloacetic acids in our water by optimizing our treatment process and flushing our distribution system. We don't anticipate resolving the problem until we take our May sample and the August 2023 sample falls out of the average. We will inform you when our system is back in compliance.

For more information, please contact **Ray Cosby** at ray.cosby@jeffco.k12.co.us or **303-789-1549**, or **809 Quail St. Building 4, Lakewood, CO 80215**.

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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