

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

## Total Trihalomethanes MCL Violation at Town of Wellton

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results from February 2023 show that our system exceeds the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs). The standard for TTHMs is 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/L). The level of TTHM for the First Quarter of 2023 exceeded MCL Level.

Sample location:

First Quarter 2023

01-A 11778 Comanche, Sample was .084 mg/l. RAA is .113

### 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.

You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours. We will announce any emergencies on CBS13 or 88.9 FM (KAWC).

### What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours. People who drink water containing TTHMs 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 is being done?

TTHMs are four volatile organic chemicals which form when disinfectants react with natural organic matter in the water. The Town has taken steps to lower the TTHMs in your drinking water, such as reducing the water age in the storage tanks and distribution system by installing mixers in the storage tanks and automatic flush units in the distribution system. The Town has also taken steps to lower the TTHMs in the drinking water through construction modifications at the water treatment plant such as installing a Chlorine Dioxide Pre-treatment system, Installed a new Loop system in the distribution system, modifications to the existing filters, and various other upgrades to better control the TTHMs in the system. We are working on solving this by 2023.

For more information, please contact Brandon Howard at 928-785-3348 or 28634 Oakland Avenue, P.O. Box 67, Wellton, AZ 85356.

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