

DRINKING WATER NOTICE

Southwest Harbor Water Department PWSID#91490

Level of Total Trihalomethanes Exceeds Federal Drinking Water Standard

1st Qtr 2009

Water tests conducted each calendar quarter showed that the average levels of Trihalomethanes in the drinking water were above the maximum contaminant level (MCL) allowed. The MCL is 80 parts per billion (ppb) and our sampling showed the running annual average during the 1st calendar quarter 2009 is 128 ppb.

2nd Qtr 2009

Water tests conducted each calendar quarter showed that the average levels of Trihalomethanes in the drinking water were above the maximum contaminant level (MCL) allowed. The MCL is 80 parts per billion (ppb) and our sampling showed the running annual average during the 2nd calendar quarter 2009 is 134 ppb.

What You Should Do

There is nothing that you need to do at this time, other than be aware that the water has Trihalomethanes above the allowable level and to take any precautions your doctor advises if you have specific health problems.

Possible Health Effects

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.

Steps We Are Taking

The Town has signed a Consent Agreement with the Maine Department of Human Services to establish a schedule of continued testing as well as plant upgrades to bring the Town into full compliance with MCL maximums.

The Town will continue to work with Olver Associates under the requirements of the Consent Agreement. Beginning in July 2009, the Town will begin construction to install an aeration system to bring us into compliance.

We anticipate resolving the problem by June 30, 2012. We will inform you when this problem has been corrected. For more information, please contact Allen Willey of the Southwest Harbor Water Department at 244-3948, or PO Box 745, Southwest Harbor, ME 04679.