



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

CHEMICAL OR RADIOLOGICAL MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL) EXCEEDANCE

ESTE INFORME CONTIENE INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE ACERCA DE SU AGUA POTABLE. HAGA QUE ALGUIEN LO TRADUZCA PARA USTED, O HABLE CON ALGUIEN QUE LO ENTIENDA.

Erie Water Works Has Levels of Aluminum Above Drinking Water Standards

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 we did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received on 9/20/2019 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for Aluminum. The standard for Aluminum is 0.20mg/L. Aluminum was found at a level of 0.31mg/L in your drinking water.

What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective 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.

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, since Aluminum is a secondary contaminant, it is not health threatening. Because it is not a health risk, EWW is not required to test for Aluminum on a regular basis but was tested voluntarily.

What happened? What was done? While adding Poly-aluminum Chloride, also known as PACL (a coagulant used in the treatment process), at various levels in an effort to optimize the treatment process and produce the best possible water for our customers, system samples revealed levels of Aluminum that exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 0.20mg/l. Upon receipt of the test results, EWW immediately reduced the rate of PACL, which reduced the system's Aluminum levels below the MCL.

We anticipate resolving the problem within 30 days of the results.

For more information, please contact Erie Water Works at 814-870-8000.

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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