

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

### **The Village of Highland Falls Did Not Meet Treatment Requirements**

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

As part of our Disinfection By-Products Rule we routinely monitor for removal of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) in our filters. The running annual average of test results for SEPTEMBER 2021 showed a removal level of TOC of 0.99 (1.0 removal is required). Therefore, our supply is in violation.

#### **What does this mean?**

**This is not an emergency. If it had been you would have been notified immediately.** Total Organic Carbon (TOC) has no health effects. However, TOC provides a medium for the formation of disinfection byproducts. These byproducts include Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) and Haloacetic Acids (HAA5s). Drinking water containing these byproducts in excess of the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) may lead to adverse health effects, liver or kidney problems, or nervous system effects, and may lead to an increased risk of getting cancer.

#### **What should I do?**

- § **You do not need to boil your water or take other actions.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- § People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

#### **What happened? What was done?**

**Compliance is based on a Running Annual Average. Although the average is below what is allowed, history has shown adequate TOC removal.** We will evaluate our filtration system for efficiency.

**We note that in OCTOBER 2021 we achieved a 1.0 removal, and therefore are currently back in compliance.**

For more information, please contact Highland Falls Water Dept, the operator at 845-446-3252 or by mail at Village of Highland Falls Water Dept, 241 Mountain Ave, Highland Falls NY 10928

*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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