

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

### **The City of Hillsdale BPU Did Not Meet Treatment Requirements**

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 are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results from quarterly samples collected 2022 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for trihalomethanes and haloacetic acids. The standard for trihalomethanes is 80 micrograms per liter ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) and 60 micrograms per liter ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) for haloacetic acids. *The level of trihalomethanes and haloacetic acids in our system was determined by averaging the sample results collected during each quarter for the past 12 months.*

#### **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.

#### **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 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.*

*Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.*

#### **What is being done?**

The City of Hillsdale BPU is currently waiting on Michigan EGLE to issue a permit to change our treatment system at the water treatment plant. This permit has been filed with them since March 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. Once approved, we will be able to reduce the levels of trihalomethanes and haloacetic acids in our system.

For more information, please contact us at 517-437-3387.

*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.*

This notice is being sent to you by the City of Hillsdale Water System.