

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

**Highridge Water Authority** recently exceeded a federal Environmental Protection Agency health advisory level. The incident occurred on July 24, 2023 at one of the three testing sites in Derry Township, Westmoreland County in the Bairdstown area.

Routine testing is conducted throughout the water system that includes sixteen communities in Westmoreland and Indiana Counties plus daily at its water treatment plants.

Despite these efforts, the advisory level for ***trichloroacetic acid*** exceeded the acceptable level by 9 parts per billion on the date indicated. This contaminant is associated with others that are classified as disinfectant byproducts.

Analogies for 9 parts per billion are as follows:

- Nine inches in 16,000 miles
- The first nine steps in walking around the world 7 ½ times;
- Nine seconds in thirty-two years; and
- Nine pinches of salt in ten tons of potato chips.

## **Should Customers Do Anything?**

**No.** If the result had been a significant risk, you would have been informed immediately by public notification. Parts per billion is a negligible amount. Therefore, the ability of assessing a health risk to a dimensionless quantity is unavailable.

## **Going Forward**

Highridge Water Authority apologizes for this incident and promises to continue to bring quality water to your spigot. Thank you for your continued support. .



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