

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

## TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES MCL VIOLATION AT

### CUNNINGHAM UTILITY DISTRICT

The Cunningham Utility District 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 the 4th quarter of 2022 show that our system exceeded the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for Total Trihalomethanes. The standard for Total Trihalomethanes is .08 mg/L MCL. It is determined by averaging the samples collected at each sampling location for the past 12 months. The level of Total Trihalomethanes for one of our system's locations were as follows:

Site 202	Harris Circle	0.08245 mg/L
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#### What should I do?

***There is nothing that 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 healthcare providers.

***You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.*** If the situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours. We will announce any emergencies on the local ABC, CBS, FOX and NBC affiliates as well as Clarksville area radio stations and news media.

#### 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 more than 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.

#### What is being done?

The Board of Commissioners and Management of the Cunningham Utility District, along with the District Engineers are in contact with the Plant Manager of our water treatment facility and have taken actions that can possibly reduce the level of TTHM in your drinking water. The actions taken since the prior notifications have reduced the TTHM levels. One prior site that was in violation is now back in compliance and the results from Site 202 are lower than the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter levels. We will continue our efforts to lower the TTHM levels.

For more information, please contact John M. Atkins at 931-387-3387 or by mail at Cunningham Utility District, P.O. Box 90, Cunningham, TN 37052.

**This notice is being sent to you by the Cunningham Utility District, PWSID # 0000167**

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<sup>1</sup> **Total trihalomethanes** are the result of a reaction between the chlorine used for disinfecting tap water and natural organic matter in the water.