

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
Pentachlorophenol MCL Violation and Failure to Monitor for Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP) for the
City of Quincy Water System, Inc.

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. The City became aware that Jacobs, the contractor for the water system, failed to monitor the water system as required. Although these incidents were not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct these situations.

Testing results from June 2020 show that our system exceeded the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for the Synthetic Organic Contaminant (SOC), Pentachlorophenol, at one of our wells. The MCL for Pentachlorophenol is 1.0 µg/L. The initial exceedance for Pentachlorophenol at this well was 8.62 µg/L.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During second quarter (April-June) and third quarter (July-September) 2020 Jacobs, the City's contractor, failed to monitor for the SOC, Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate, as required at one of our wells. This was required due to the March 2020 SOC sampling of one of our wells having a result of 5.27 µg/L which was over the regulatory detection limit (RDL) of 0.6 µg/L. In addition, Jacobs, the City's contractor, failed to collect samples for the SOC, Pentachlorophenol, during 3rd quarter (July- September) 2020 as required at one of our wells, and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.

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.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. *However, some people who drink water containing pentachlorophenol in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver or kidneys, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.*

What is being done?

- The City is working with FDEP to evaluate the water supply and are researching options to correct the problem. These options may include treating the water to remove Pentachlorophenol and Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate.
- The City stopped using the contaminated wells until it resamples the wells in question. The City received the results of the resampled wells. The results show the well with Pentachlorophenol is testing within standards with a result of no-detection.
- The City increased the frequency that we will test the water for Pentachlorophenol and Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate for these two wells for the next year.
- Recently, Jacobs took samples at this location and had them tested. These samples show that we meet the standards for the well that showed high results of Pentachlorophenol and the well has been placed back in service.

For more information, please contact our Jacobs Representative, Terry Presnal, at 850-627-2089 or at 300 North GF&A Drive, Quincy, Florida 32351.

****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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