

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Town of Rye

High Levels of Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. Although this situation is 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 this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. On March 8, 2022 we were notified that our system exceeds the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for both Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) and Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5). The MCL for TTHM is 80 ug/L and the MCL for HAA5 is 60 ug/L. The average level over the last year was 96 ug/L for TTHM and 115 ug/L for HAA5.

NOTE: This advisory is NOT related to COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has stated that the “Virus that causes COVID-19 has not been detected in drinking water.” For additional information on COVID-19 and drinking water, you can refer to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment’s website: <https://covid19.colorado.gov>.

What does this mean? What should I do?

- **You may want to use an alternative drinking water supply (e.g. bottled). If you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.**
- Some people drink water containing trihalomethanes or haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may increase risk of getting cancer.
- If you have an infant, severely compromised immune system, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your doctor about drinking this water. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by bacteria and other disease-causing organisms are available from EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

What is being done?

- We are going to lower the chlorine residual and do line flushing.

We anticipate resolving the problem by **May 31, 2022**. For more information, please contact **Marty Rahl** at ryerahl1948@gmail.com or **719-569-0354**, or **PO Box 236 Rye CO 81069**.

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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