# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

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

## **City of Huron's Water Supply Has Levels of Total Trihalomethanes Above Drinking Water Standards**

Our water system recently failed a drinking water standard. Although this 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. Compliance with the total trihalomethane (TTHM) maximum contaminant level (MCL) is based on the average concentration of four consecutive quarterly samples (or the running annual average). The standard for TTHMs is 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/L). Testing results we received on July 9, 2015, show that our system exceeds the TTHM MCL. The average level of TTHMs over the last year was 0.16 mg/L.

### What should I do?

- You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply.
- This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who use water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience liver, kidney, or central nervous system problems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

## What happened? What is being done?

TTHMs are a group of chemicals known as disinfection byproducts. They form when chlorine used for disinfection reacts with naturally occurring organic material that is found in surface and ground waters. They are colorless, and will evaporate out of the water into the air.

**Plan of Action -** The City has approved the funding for the necessary engineering study and upgrading of the water treatment plant for the disinfections treatment process, which will remove DBP precursors which contribute to TTHM.

For more information, please contact Dennis Longhofer at 775 781-6758 or at the following mailing address: 36311 S Lassen Huron, CA 93234.

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.

### **Secondary Notification Requirements**

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- SCHOOLS: Must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS (including nursing homes and care facilities): Must notify tenants.
- BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS: Must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

This notice is being sent to you by the City of Huron.

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