

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

### **Haloacetic Acid 5 MCL Violation at The City of Bonners Ferry**

Our water system 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 May 5, 2009 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Haloacetic Acids (HAA5). The standard for Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) is 0.060 mg/l. It is determined by averaging all samples collected by our system for the last 12 months. The level of Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) averaged at our system for the last twelve months was 0.061 mg/l.

#### **What should I do?**

- There is nothing 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 health care providers.
- You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. If a 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 KBFI radio station.

#### **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 haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.*

#### **What is being done?**

To meet the Safe Drinking Water Act the City of Bonners Ferry uses chlorine to disinfect your water. However, this also produces disinfection by-products such as haloacetic acids that may be harmful when consumed at elevated quantities over extended periods of time. We are adjusting our chlorination system and increasing our system flushing to reduce the occurrence of haloacetic acids. We anticipate seeing the results of these changes during our August testing.

For more information, please contact Doug Ladely at 208-267-3105 or PO Box 149, Bonners Ferry, Idaho 83805.

*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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