

Important Information about your Drinking Water

Levels of Radium, (226 + 228) in Jefferson Waterworks water exceed standard.

Water samples collected to determine compliance with the radium, (226+228) Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 5 pCi/L indicate our Well #4 drinking water exceeds the MCL, which is a violation of State and Federal Safe Drinking Water standards. Samples collected on the following dates with the following results were used in making this determination: April 16, 2024 (3.68pCi/L), January 31, 2024 (4.22pCi/L), October 16, 2023 (6.59 pCi/L), July 6, 2023 (12.82 pCi/L).

What precautions should be taken at this time?

You **do not** need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, you should be aware of the following:

Some people who drink water containing radium 226 or 228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What is being done to correct the problem?

Well #4 was tested at different depths to assess if water at a specific depth is contributing the high radium levels. These areas of the well have been blocked off so the higher radium water will not enter the well. The April 16th and January 31st, 2024, samples are below the 5 pCi/L MCL limit, and we believe this result will continue with future testing. It looks like the work has been successful. We will notify you when the problem is fully resolved.

If you have questions regarding the safety of our drinking water, please contact:

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