

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ATKINS DRINKING WATER
ATKINS, IOWA MUNICIPAL WATER WORKS Has Levels of Total Trihalomethanes
(TTHM)

Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated 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. Testing results we received on April 2, 2021 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM). The standard for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) is 0.080 mg/L. The average level of Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) over the last year was 0.110 mg/L and 0.0875 mg/L at two separate sites within the distribution system.

What should I do?

- **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, some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What happened? What is being done?

The City took immediate action and will continue to monitor (TTHM) and is performing increased hydrant flushing to assist with removing Trihalomethanes (TTHM). The IDNR is aware and is providing direction and monitoring.

For more information, please contact Public Works Director Todd Damon at 319-446-7870 or PO Box 171, Atkins, Iowa, 52206 or email: cityclerk@cityofatkins.org

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 home, 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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