

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

### LEVELS OF TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM) ABOVE DRINKING WATER STANDARDS FOR WESTPORT WATER COMPANY-COUGAR RD

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 are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. The results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets EPA's health standards. The results that we received for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) for the 1/1/2024 to 3/10/2024 monitoring period show that our system currently exceeds the standard(s), or Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL). The MCL for Trihalomethanes (TTHM) is 80 ug/L. As of 3/31/2024, our locational running annual average for Total Trihalomethanes is 82.3 ug/L.*

#### **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?**

*Some people who drink Trihalomethanes (TTHM) in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids (HAA5) in excess of the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.*

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

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) are a group of chemicals that are formed as a result of chlorine addition to water for disinfection. TTHM's began being regulated by IDEM in 2003 and older surface water treatment plants, like Westport's, have had problems meeting the regulated levels due to the amount of chlorine put into the water and the chlorine's interaction with organic matter in the water drawn from Sand Creek. Our data shows that the TTHM formation is closely linked to the TOC (Total Organic Content) of the raw intake water from Sandcreek.

Aggressive hydrant flushing in the northern part of our system will now be done year-round while evaluating new water plant processes.

We anticipate resolving the problem and bringing our locational RAA TTHM levels into compliance by the end of Q4 2024. For more information, please contact Jay Maddux at (812) 591-3500 or P.O. Box 579, Westport, IN 47283.

*Please share this information with all 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.*

This notice is being sent to you by **Westport Water Co., Public Water Supply ID# 5216005**

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**What Happened? What is being done?** (Explain below the reason, corrective action, and when the system expects to be or was back in compliance.)

We anticipate resolving the problem within \_\_\_\_\_.

For more information, please contact \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
estimated time frame  
name of contact  
Jay Maddux  
phone number 812-591-3500 or mailing address P.O. Box 579 Westport, IN 47283.

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**Certification Form for Public Notice**

PWSID# IN5216005 PWS Name: Westport Water Company

For Situation: Exceeded the MCL for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)

Occurring: 3/31/2024

The public water system indicated above hereby affirms that the public notice has been provided to consumers in accordance with the delivery, content, and format requirements and deadline in 327 IAC 8-2.1-7

Name & Signature of System Representative: Norman J. Noble Date: \_\_\_\_\_