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TRIAD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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February 27, 2024

Dear Parents,

As you know, we work closely with the Ohio EPA to ensure our drinking water meets all standards that they have put in place. January of 2006 marked a change in the federal and state drinking water rules on arsenic. On that date the maximum contaminant level (MCL) was reduced from .05 micrograms per liter (mg/L) to .01 (mg/L). Since that date, Triad Elementary School and Triad Middle School have typically been in compliance with EPA regulations during the school year, but on a few occasions levels have been higher during the summer months when buildings are empty due to a decrease in the use of water.

According to the Ohio EPA;

“Arsenic can be found in drinking water as a result of natural processes of human activities. Higher levels of arsenic tend to be found more often in ground water than in surface water. The main source of arsenic in ground water is natural weathering and erosion of rocks and minerals. Most arsenic found in Ohio’s ground water is naturally occurring.”

Triad, in conjunction with the Ohio EPA, drinking water specialists and our own maintenance staff, has been using a variety of methods to reduce the presence of arsenic in the drinking water. This year, 3 of our 4 quarterly sample levels have been under .01 (mg/L). However, due to the summer months mentioned above, our running 4 quarter average is still slightly above the MCL at .011 (mg/L) and as a result, we are required to send our community this drinking water notice.

As soon as we were informed about the MCL violation, Triad worked with the Ohio EPA to look for options to address the issue. We continue to work closely with the Ohio EPA, our Architect, Engineers and outside vendors to look at all available options to address the issue. Due to the fact that testing is done quarterly, this letter will need to go out at least 4 times (1 time each quarter).

“The current levels of arsenic do not pose an immediate health risk; however, some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with the circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.” As a precaution, and because Triad will always put the welfare of the children first, parents are always welcome to send their student to school with a water bottle so they can use it during the school day.

We were also notified of an issue with failing to turn in a water sample during the 4th quarter of 2019. This was when we contracted with an outside individual to test our water. Water testing is now done in the district to ensure we turn in quarterly water samples. We were just notified of the 2019 issue and are required to notify you of the error. I am happy to say that that issue was addressed in 2020.

I have included the Ohio EPA notice of violation along with the Ohio EPA Q&A document. If you have any questions regarding this issue please contact me at maruniakv@triadk12.org or (937) 826-4961.

Thank you,

Vickie Hoffman/Maruniak

Vickie Maruniak

Superintendent, Triad Local Schools

***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.*



NOTICE OF VIOLATION – ACTION REQUIRED

February 5, 2024

VICKIE HOFFMAN
7920 BRUSH LAKE ROAD
NORTH LEWISBURG, OH 43060

RE: TRIAD MIDDLE SCHOOL
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 Drinking Water Program
 CHAMPAIGN County
 PWS ID: OH1134912

CERTIFIED MAIL
9489009000276054178593

Subject: Violation of Maximum Contaminant Level for ARSENIC

TRIAD MIDDLE SCHOOL is in violation for exceeding the maximum contaminant level (MCL) standard of 0.010 mg/L as established in the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) section 3745-81 for ARSENIC. Compliance with the MCL is based on a running annual average. The annual average for ARSENIC during the Fourth Quarter of 2023 time period is 0.011 mg/L.

To address the MCL violation, TRIAD MIDDLE SCHOOL is required to take the following actions:

1. Notify your customers within 30 days using the enclosed instructions and public notice.
2. Complete and send a verification form with a copy of the public notice to the mailing address below, or via email to kathleen.pinto@epa.ohio.gov, within ten days after issuance.
3. Perform quarterly monitoring for ARSENIC according to your most recent monitoring schedule.
4. Consult with your Ohio EPA district representative to discuss your options for coming into compliance and establishing a compliance schedule or comply with any previously issued enforcement action.

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Continued noncompliance may lead to additional enforcement actions. If you have any questions or wish to change the public notice, please call me at (614) 644-2752.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Pinto

Compliance Assurance Section
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters
Enclosure: Public Notice; Public Notice Instructions and Verification Form

cc: Champaign County Health Department
Jeff Stark, SWDO, DDAGW

**PUBLIC NOTICE INSTRUCTIONS AND VERIFICATION FORM FOR
NONTRANSIENT NONCOMMUNITY PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS WITH TIER 2 VIOLATIONS**

The owner or operator of a nontransient noncommunity water system with a Tier 2 violation or situation shall notify the persons served by the public water system as soon as practical but **no later than 30 days** after the system learns of the violation. Public notice shall be repeated every 3 months as long as the violation or situation persists.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE PUBLIC WAS NOTIFIED BY THE FOLLOWING METHOD(S) INDICATED BELOW, AS DESCRIBED IN THE OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULE 3745-81-32:

Required Method of Public Notification	Actual Method of Public Notification
<p>COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS -</p> <p>1. Must issue public notice by mail or other direct delivery to each customer and service connection (where known).</p> <p>2. May also post in conspicuous locations throughout the distribution system (must remain posted for as long as the violation exists, but at least 7 days).</p>	<p>1. Date of mailing/delivery _____</p> <p>2.A. Dates of posting _____</p> <p>2.B. Locations of posting _____</p>
<p>NONCOMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS -</p> <p>Use one or more of the following:</p> <p>1. Public notice issued by posting in conspicuous locations throughout the distribution system (required to remain posted for as long as the violation exists, but in no case less than 7 days).</p> <p>1. Public notice issued by mail or other direct delivery to each customer and service connection (where known).</p>	<p>Describe actual methods used:</p> <p>1.A. Dates of posting <u>3-2-24</u></p> <p>1.B. Locations of posting <u>website, triad.k12.org</u></p> <p>2. Date of mailing/delivery <u>3-2-24</u></p>
<p>Schools and Day-Care Facilities must notify parents or guardians of children being served by methods <u>besides</u> posting, such as a newsletter, e-mail notice, or direct mailing</p>	<p>A. Method(s) <u>school messenger, email & website</u></p> <p>B. Date(s) <u>3-2-24</u></p>
<p>ALL SYSTEMS -</p> <p>If the above methods do not reach all persons served, also use any other method calculated to reach other persons served by the system (e.g. publication in a local newspaper or newsletter, use of e-mail to notify employees or students, or delivery of multiple copies to central locations).</p>	<p>A. Method(s) _____</p> <p>B. Date(s) _____</p>

Please indicate below what public notice was used. INCLUDE A COPY OF THE PUBLIC NOTICE.

- A public notice as provided was issued without changes.
- A different public notice was issued **after consulting with Ohio EPA on** _____.

Vickie Maruniak/Hoffman 3-2-24
Signature of Responsible Person Date

Vickie Maruniak/Hoffman
Printed Name and Title of Responsible Person

PWS NAME: TRIAD MIDDLE SCHOOL
PWSID: OH1134912
Facility ID: 1153205
COUNTY: CHAMPAIGN
ARSENIC MCL, AVERAGE

4Q2023; Vio ID 8058721

<p>For Ohio EPA Use Only:</p> <p>Date PN received: _____</p> <p>PN acceptable: _____ PN not acceptable: _____</p>
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