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## TRIAD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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June 11, 2024

Dear Parents,

Below is the same letter you have received the past 3 quarters. I wanted to update you that we have hired a company (Donamarc) to add sand filters to address the water issue. We have submitted our plan to fix the issue to the EPA and are awaiting their approval so that work can move forward.

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.

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](mailto: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**

May 13, 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**  
**9489009000276054177190**

**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 first quarter of 2024 time period is 0.012 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](mailto: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