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## **TRIAD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Dear Parents,

I wanted to share with you that the Ohio EPA has approved our plan to add a filtration system to the MS/ES water system. We applied to the EPA in late April and received the okay to move forward in August. The equipment has been ordered by Donomarc (the company that was hired to do the plan and project). The project will start as soon as the equipment arrives.

I am happy to share that our most recent sample also came in significantly lower which will push our MCL below the necessary 4 quarter average. The notice below is from the 2nd quarter reading (April/May/June) and should be our last letter about this issue.

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 .012 (mg/L) and as a result, we are required to send our community this drinking water notice.

“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 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.*

**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><b>COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS -</b></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>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p><b>NONCOMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS -</b></p> <p><b>Use one or more of the following:</b></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><b>Describe actual methods used:</b></p> <p>1.A. Dates of posting <u>9-5-24</u></p> <p>1.B. Locations of posting <u>website track12.org</u></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>2. Date of mailing/delivery <u>9-5-24</u></p>
<p><b>Schools and Day-Care Facilities</b> 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>Parent Square, email, website</u></p> <p>B. Date(s) <u>9-5-24</u></p>
<p><b>ALL SYSTEMS -</b></p> <p><b>If the above methods do not reach all persons served,</b> 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>_____</p> <p>_____</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** 9-4-24.

Vickie Maruniak 9-5-24  
Signature of Responsible Person Hoffman 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

3Q2023; Vio ID 8058719

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