IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Our water system recently violated drinking water standards. Although this was 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.

Altus AFB Has Levels of Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) Above Drinking Water Standards

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received for the indicated time period(s) show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for total trihalomethanes (TTHM). The standard or MCL for TTHM is 0.080 mg/L. It is determined by averaging all the samples collected at each sampling location for the past 12 months. The level of total trihalomethanes averaged at our system's locations was the following:

Twelve-month time periodLocational Running Annual Average with Sample LocationThird Quarter 20250.104 MG/L- BUILDING #1Third Quarter 20250.093 MG/L- BUILDING #492

What should I do? There is nothing you need to do unless you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant or are elderly. These people may be at increased risk and should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

What does this mean? This is not an emergency. 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 system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

CORRECTIVE ACTION: What happened? What is being done? When will the violation be resolved?

Altus Air Force Base conducted compliance sampling for TTHMs during the third quarter of 2025. The EPA sets the MCL for TTHMs at .080 milligrams per liter, calculated as an annual running average of quarterly test results. The recent test results taken from Building 1 and Building 492, when averaged with the previous three quarters, placed Altus city water above this MCL triggering the mandatory notice of violation.

The City of Altus supplies water to the base and city officials are actively working on solutions to sustainably meet EPA regulations, as well as ensure public water supplies are of the highest quality possible. The health and well-being of Airmen and their families remains the top priority for Altus Air Force Base and the City of Altus. Leadership from both organizations are collaborating to address water quality concerns.

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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.

This notice is being sent to you by Altus AFB

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