

BLACKWELL RURAL WATER CORPORATION

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Blackwell Rural Water Corp. has levels of Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) above Drinking Water Standards

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 routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received for **fourth quarter of 2007 through the third quarter of 2008** show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for total trihalomethanes. The standard or MCL for total trihalomethanes is 0.080 mg/l. The average level of total trihalomethanes over the last year was **0.119 mg/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.

This is not an immediate risk. 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.

What happened? What is being done?

TTHMs are the result of chlorine being added to water to control bacteria. BRWC has installed additional flush valves and we are periodically flushing lines. BRWC has done additional testing to monitor the TTHM levels; the most recent test results were sampled on 9/17/08 and had a level of 0.0506, which is within compliance. Another sample was taken on 12/17/08 but those results are not back as of this mailing. Since the standards are based on the average level over the past year, it will take BRWC additional quarters to reach compliance standards.

For further information contact Blackwell Rural Water Corporation at 580-363-1260 or by mail to P.O. Box 367, Blackwell, OK 74631.

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.

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