

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

### ESTE INFORME CONTIENE INFORMACION MUY IMPORTANTE SOBRE SU AGUA DE BEBER. TRADUZCALO O HABLE CON ALGUIEN QUE LO ENTIENDA BIEN.

Oakdale Borough has Levels of Total Trihalomethanes above Drinking Water Standards.

Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received on February 2, 2009 show that our system exceeds the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for Total Trihalomethanes. The MCL for Total Trihalomethanes is 80 parts per billion (ppb), based upon a running annual average of four quarterly tests. Our Total Trihalomethanes average for three quarters of 2008 and the first quarter of 2009 was 100 ppb.

#### **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.

#### **What does this mean?**

**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 was done?**

Oakdale Borough purchases water from Pennsylvania American Water Company and Western Allegheny County Municipal Authority. Western Allegheny County Municipal Authority also purchases water from Pennsylvania American Water Company. Chlorine is used as a disinfectant at the Pennsylvania American Water Company treatment plant. Chlorine reacts with organic and inorganic matter to form chemicals called disinfection by-products (DBPs) including those DBPs called trihalomethanes. Pennsylvania American Water and Oakdale Borough will continue to monitor this and keep you informed.

For more information, please contact the Oakdale Borough Office at 6115 Noblestown Road, Oakdale, PA 15071 or call 724-693-9740.

Please share this information with all of the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments). 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 Oakdale Borough.