

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

The City of Peabody Has Received a State Violation For Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) Above Drinking Water Standards.

Our water system recently violated a drinking 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. Results for the annual average for 2019 show that our system exceeds the standard maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5). The standard for Total Haloacetic Acid (HAA5) is 60 ug/L. The average level of Total Haloacetic Acid (HAA5) over the last year was 71.5 ug/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.

### **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 haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer, liver or kidney disease or may affect the central nervous system.

### **What Happened? What is Being Done?**

The City of Peabody strives to provide quality water that meets or exceeds all drinking water standards for our customers. To correct this violation the City plans to continue to monitor the haloacetic acids (HAA5) levels and flush the distribution system as needed, as well as, exploring other options for lowering the HAA5S.

Although we were out of compliance, the Hillsboro water was safe to drink BEFORE and is safe to drink NOW. **There was no health risk and the water is safe to drink.**

For more information, please contact:

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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 (example: apartment buildings, nursing homes, schools and businesses.) You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing by hand or mail.

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