

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

[System] Has Levels of Combined Radium Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system has 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 on [date] show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for combined radium. The standard for combined radium is 5 pico curies per liter (pCi/L). The average level of combined radium over the last year was [level].

### 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 radium-226 or radium-228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

### What happened? What is being done?

We immediately began using Well #1 as a primary water supply for the Village and operate Well #2 one day per month in order to maintain its availability for emergency use. We will continue to collect quarterly radiological samples representative of each entry point and analyze them for radium 226, radium 228, and gross alpha particle activity.

We have an EPA approved timeline for the construction of a new water plant. The timeline is as follows: Submit Loan Pre-Application and Project Report by March 1, 2008; Submit Progress Report by June 1, 2008; Submit Construction Permit Application by September 1, 2008; Submit Progress Reports by December 1, 2008, June 1, 2009, and December 1, 2009; Award Construction Contract by February 1, 2010; Begin Construction by May 1, 2010, Submit Progress Report by October 1, 2010, and Complete the Construction by May 1, 2011.

For more information, please contact: Jim Velis at 815-257-8284 or 801 S. Clark St., Utica, IL 61373

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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