

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION**  
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**  
**TTHM VIOLATION AT The Lincolnton Water System**

Our community water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have the 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. We have been notified by the State that our water system exceeded the maximum contaminant levels (MCL) for the following:

<b>Violation ID</b>	<b>Compliance Period</b>	<b>Site #</b>	<b>Analyte</b>	<b>Concentration</b>	<b>MCL</b>
2024-10721	4Q2023 – 10/01/2023 – 12/31/2023	501	TTHM	0.083 mg/L	0.080 mg/L

**What should I do?**

- There is nothing you need to do. **You do not need to** boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water.

**What does this mean?**

*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.* If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water.

**What happened? What is being done?**

The City of Lincolnton was attempting to dry out our backwash discharge ponds to be dredged and cleaned out. In the process, we were holding off cleaning our settling basins to keep the ponds as dry as possible. The extra time between basin cleanings caused a higher-than-normal buildup of organic matter in the basins. The excess of organic matter, coupled with the chlorine added to disinfect the water, caused a spike in the Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs).

Since the violation occurred, one of the backwash discharge ponds has been cleaned out, allowing us to maintain normal cleaning intervals. Our Total Trihalomethane (TTHM) levels have returned to well below the MCL. The City of Lincolnton plans to clean and dredge the second backwash discharge pond later this year. This should not be an issue again in the future.

For more information, please contact Furman Parton at (706) 359-4696 or PO Box 489, Lincolnton, GA 30817.