# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER** Exceeded Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)

## WVAWC MONTGOMERY HEIGHTS DISTRICT, WV3301017

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, you, as our customer, have the right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct the situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Test results for the period 1/1/2018 to 3/31/2018 show that our system exceeded the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Haloacetic Acids.

The average level of Haloacetic Acids over the last four quarters was 72.0  $\mu$ g/L at the KANAWHA FALLS WWTP location. The standard for Haloacetic Acids is 60.0  $\mu$ g/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, it is recommended that you consult with 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.

### What Happened? What is being done? (Describe corrective action)

West Virginia American Water (WVAW) purchases water from Armstrong PSD for the Montgomery Heights District. Armstrong PSD frequently produces water with elevated levels of Haloacetic Acids in their system and received a notice of violation from the WV Bureau for Public Health on 3/9/2018. No mechanism currently exists for WVAW to remove Haloacetic Acids from the water purchased from Armstrong PSD. The WV Bureau for Public Health (WVBPH) requires the WVAW Montgomery Heights District to sample for Haloacetic Acids in the distribution system each quarter of each calendar year and use those sample results to calculate a running annual average for Haloacetic Acids. A total of five Haloacetic Acid samples were collected during February 2018, with values of 114.5, 43.6, 52.3, 83.0 and 60.8 µg/L respectively. All five sample results were used to calculate the quarterly average of 71.0 µg/L, and determine the annual average of 72.0 µg/L. WVAW will continue to work with the WVBPH and the Armstrong PSD to assist the PSD in their efforts to reduce the Haloacetic Acid levels in the water they produce so that the water we provide to you meets all drinking water standards.

| For more information, please contact: |   | Jonathan Jarvis | at | 304-347-1510   |
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| Or                                    | West Virginia American Water, PO Box 1906, Charleston, WV 25327 |                 |    | _              |
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(Mailing address)

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.

## This notice is being sent to you by: **WVAWC – MONTGOMERY HEIGHTS DISTRICT**

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