

# South Buffalo Township Municipal Authority

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

*ESTE INFORME CONTIENE INFORMACION IMPORTANTE ACERCA DE SU AGUA POTABLE. HAGA QUE ALGUIEN LO TRADUZCA PARA USTED, O HABLE CON ALGUIEN QUE LO ENTIENDA.*

**SOUTH BUFFALO TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY** has levels of Total Trihalomethanes above Drinking Water Standards.

**Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. 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 that we received on August 9, 2023 and November 7, 2023 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Total Trihalomethanes. The MCL for Total Trihalomethanes is **0.080 mg/L**, based upon a running annual average of four quarterly tests. Although the February 8, 2024 sample of 0.63 mg/L was below the MCL, our Total Trihalomethanes running annual average for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2024 was still elevated at **0.088mg/L.**

### What should I do?

You do **NOT** need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply. You do **NOT** need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, please 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?

SBTMA purchases water from the Municipal Authority of Buffalo Township (MABT) water treatment plant at which chlorine is added as a disinfectant. The chlorine reacts with organic and inorganic matter to form chemicals called disinfection by-products (DBPs), including the DBPs called trihalomethanes.

SBTMA is working with MABT and the PaDEP to evaluate the issue and investigate options to correct the problem. Options include modifying levels of chlorine in the system and reducing the storage tank level during periods of time that are historically elevated in trihalomethanes. Sampling will continue on a quarterly basis for trihalomethanes.

For more information, you can contact South Buffalo Township Municipal Authority at 724-295-0430 or email us at [sbtma167@gmail.com](mailto:sbtma167@gmail.com).

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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