

FACILITIES PLANNING & MANAGEMENT

## Important Information about Your Drinking Water

### Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) MCL Violation at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona's Public Water System recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this incident is not an emergency, as our consumers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct the situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results from March 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 show that our system exceeded the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM). The standard for TTHM is 0.080 mg/L. TTHM levels are calculated based on a locational running annual average (LRAA) of samples collected from the last 4 quarters. The LRAA of TTHM at Building 81 was 0.082 mg/L. This value exceeded the respective MCL for TTHM of 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 action. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hrs.

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

#### What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours. TTHM are four volatile organic chemicals which form when disinfectants react with natural organic matter in the water. 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 is being done?

When disinfectants are used in the treatment of drinking water, disinfectants react with naturally occurring organic and inorganic matter present in water to form Disinfection ByProducts (DBP). We are working to minimize the formation of TTHM while ensuring we maintain an adequate level of disinfectant. We have taken additional steps to change disinfectant type/levels and remove natural organic matter to determine if our efforts have been effective.

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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 (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 California State Polytechnic University, Pomona Public Water System #1910022

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