

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**  
**Total Trihalomethane (TTHM) MCL Violation at**  
**City of Apalachicola**

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, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We are required to monitor for the presence of disinfection byproducts (DBPs) on a quarterly basis. Although the average of sampling results from January-March (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter) 2026 show that our system does not exceed the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for TTHM, compliance is determined by a locational running annual average (LRAA) of quarterly analytical results collected at designated monitoring locations. The MCL for TTHM is 80 micrograms per liter ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ). During the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2026 sampling event, the LRAA of TTHM at our Robertis Fish Dock monitoring location was 80.3  $\mu\text{g/L}$ , which exceeds the MCL of 80  $\mu\text{g/L}$ .

**What should I do?**

- There is nothing you need do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.
  
- 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?**

This is not an emergency. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours. TTHMs and HAA5s are organic chemicals which form when disinfectants react with organic matter in the water.

Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have

an increased risk of getting cancer. Some people who drink water containing TTHMs 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?

Describe what is being accomplished to address the maximum contaminant level violation.

For more information, please contact: City of Apalachicola at 850-653-9319

or mailing address: 1 Bay Ave, Apalachicola, FL 32320

*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: **City of Apalachicola**

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