

**NOTICE TO CONSUMERS  
of the Town of Louisa WATERWORKS**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

**LRAA PMCL Exceedance for Disinfection Byproducts - HAA5s under Stage 2 Rule**

**January 6, 2026**

This month, the Virginia Department of Health notified the Town that our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Please be assured that this is not an emergency. However, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what the Town is doing to monitor and correct this situation.

The Town routinely monitors for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results from the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2025 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for HAA5. The standard for HAA5 is 0.060 mg/L. It is determined by averaging all the samples collected at each sampling location for the past 12 months. The level of HAA5 averaged at one of our system's locations for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2025 was 0.072 mg/L.

**What should I do as a water customer?**

- There is nothing you need to do. As confirmed by State Health Officials, there are no recommended precautions necessary. **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions before consuming it.** 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, or have specific health question or concerns, you can seek advice from your health care provider.

**What does this mean?**

***This is not an emergency.*** If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

HAA5s are five haloacetic acid compounds which form when disinfectants, react with natural organic matter in the source water-from the Northeast Creek Reservoir.

When determining lifetime exposure risk, drinking water regulations assume an adult will consume 2 liters per day and children will consume 1 liter per day over the course of 70 years. This means people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the PMCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.\*

**What is the Town doing about this?**

The Northeast Creek water treatment plant recently experienced equipment breakdown in the nanofiltration treatment system and a breakdown of an original early 1980s filtration system. The nanofiltration treatment system provides a high level of organic matter removal which reduces the formation of HAA5s in the distribution system.

The Louisa County Water Authority has been worked diligently to rebuild the 1980s filtration system and make extensive repairs to the nanofiltration system. These repairs were completed last month, November 2025, but the average over the last 12 months remains high. **The most recent samples indicate current HAA5 levels are within state standards.**

The Town will continue to monitor HAA5 levels during quarterly routine sampling, and will conduct an Operational Evaluation Level (OEL) study and continue to monitor sampling data.

For more information, please contact Stuart Turille, Town Manager, at 540-967-1400 or PO Box 531, Louisa, VA, 23093.

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