



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

### CHEMICAL OR RADIOLOGICAL MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL) EXCEEDANCE

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

#### ICMSA Crooked Creek Has Levels of Arsenic 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 did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received on 4/17/2019 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for Arsenic. The standard for Arsenic is 10 ppb. Arsenic was found at a level of 38.5 ppb in your drinking water.

#### What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- 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.

**You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

#### What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, Arsenic is an element that occurs naturally in air, water, soil, rocks and minerals. Other sources of Arsenic are from human activities, which exceeds natural sources by three-fold. These include urban runoff, pesticides, fossil fuel combustion, treated lumber, smelting and mining wastes. Long-term arsenic ingestion from drinking water is associated with increased risk of skin cancer as well as risk for cancers of the bladder, lung, kidney, liver, colon and prostate.

**What happened? What was done?** We exceeded the MCL for Arsenic in the annual IOC sampling event. A confirmation sample was taken the next day after the exceedance was reported as per the DEP regulations. The sample result was expediated with a result of < 3.0 ppb or a non detect, meaning Arsenic was not detected in the confirmation sample. As a result of the exceedance ICMSA Crooked Creek will now be monitoring Arsenic quarterly as opposed to annually.

We anticipate resolving the problem within 1 year of quarterly monitoring.

For more information, please contact Tricia Lefko, Compliance Superintendent at ICMSA, 602 Kolter Drive, Indiana, PA 15701, 724-349-6640, ext. 107 or by calling EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline 800-426-4791 or visiting our website at www.icmsa.org.

*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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