



Combined Radium MCL

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

ROCHELLE Has Levels of Combined Radium Above Drinking Water Standards in one well, which has been turned off, until the issue is corrected.

One well has violated a drinking water standard. Although this is 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 routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received for 1/1/2016-3/31/2016, shows that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for combined radium. The standard for combined radium is 5 pico curies per liter (pCi/L). The average level of combined radium over the last year was 6.

What should I do?

- **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, some people who drink water containing radium-226 or radium-228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.*

What happened? What is being done?

We have stopped using the well. We have increased pumping from other wells. We anticipate resolving the problem within one year.

For more information, please contact: Rochelle Municipal Utilities @ 815-562-4155

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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