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Current Arsenic Levels at MCSC

Ever more stringent drinking water regulations challenge public water systems to continually improve water quality. The Arsenic Rule requires systems to follow specific monitoring guidelines. Systems must monitor for total arsenic in the finished water at each entry point to the distribution system. Depending on the results of the initial monitoring period, systems will continue monitoring at a reduced or increased monitoring frequency. If initial arsenic levels are less than the MCL or allowable limit, then the system is eligible to monitor at a reduced frequency. If initial arsenic levels are higher than the MCL, quarterly sample collection is required at the sampling location of concern until the system is reliably and consistently below the MCL. Recently a form letter from the Monroe Central School Corporation's Certified Water Operator was sent to the patrons of our community and corporation. Our recent quarterly test identified our Arsenic Levels slightly above the allowable limit as set by the EPA. When this occurs, we are required by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) to notify our patrons. Our quarterly test was approximately 13 milligrams per liter. Our recent test identified arsenic levels are approximately 08 milligrams per liter, which is within normal limits. The rule as stated in the statute is listed below.

Arsenic Rule – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has issued a rule that applies to all community water systems and non-transient, non-community water systems, which sets the maximum contaminant level of arsenic at 10 milligrams per liter.

As I stated, **our current measurements are within normal limits.** However, the corporation is working on a long-term solution to prevent any further occurrences of this increase in arsenic levels within our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robbins, Superintendent