

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

La Plata West Water Authority

## High Levels of Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. Although this situation 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. On Sept. 30 2021 we were notified that our system exceeds the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM). The MCL is 80 ug/L. The average level over the last year was 82.8 ug/L.

We also failed to notify you of the violation/situation in a timely manner.

NOTE: This advisory is NOT related to COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has stated that the “Virus that causes COVID-19 has not been detected in drinking water.” For additional information on COVID-19 and drinking water, you can refer to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment’s website: <https://covid19.colorado.gov>.

### What does this mean? What should I do?

- **You may want to use an alternative drinking water supply (e.g. bottled). If you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.**
- Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
- If you have an infant, severely compromised immune system, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your doctor about drinking this water. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by bacteria and other disease-causing organisms are available from EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

### What is being done?

- increase flushing and monitoring the water temperature

We anticipate resolving the problem by **Flushing schedule has already been increased** . For more information, please contact **David Marsa** at [lpwwboard@gmail.com](mailto:lpwwboard@gmail.com) or **19707591609**, or **PO Box 631, Durango, CO 81302**.

*\*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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