

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

North Chicago Water Department has detected levels of Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate above the current Drinking Water Standards. This is not an emergency. As our customer you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

During our recent annual water system sample testing conducted on April 15, 2024 Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate was detected at a level which exceeded the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 0.006 milligrams per liter, (mg/l) (parts per million). This detection was unusual because the results of our annual testing for Di(2-ethylhexyl) -phthalate, dating back to 2018, have always been below the laboratory detection limit of 0.0018 mg/l. A follow up confirmation test was conducted on May 17th, and the results were again below the laboratory detection limit of 0.0018 mg/l. As a result, the City believes the concentrations of Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate have returned to and remain in compliance.

You do not need to use an alternative (e.g. bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. Some people who over many years drink water containing Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate well in excess of the MCL could develop problems with their liver, experience reproductive difficulties, or may have an increased risk of cancer.

Our water plant is currently undergoing several construction improvements, and we suspect that this may have been the source of contamination. Though not confirmed, we have taken additional steps to prevent construction activities from entering into the water treatment system.

This notice is being sent to you by the City of North Chicago.

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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