

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

The City of Perry routinely monitors for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Our water system recently violated drinking water standards. 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 comply with drinking water standards.

### **The City's water has levels of Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) above drinking water standards.**

The City received testing results for the second quarter of 2010 through the first quarter of 2011. Our results show that our water system exceeds the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for total trihalomethanes or TTHMs. The standard or MCL for TTHMs is 0.080 mg/L. The running average for TTHMs for this time period is 0.099 mg/L. As a comparison, during the first quarter of 2011, the average for TTHMS was .052 mg/L, which complies with the drinking water standards. In other words, the improvements made to the water treatment plant appear to be working.

**What should I do?** You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply. However, if you have a 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 trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.*

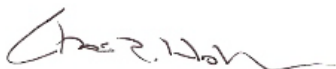
### **What happened? What is being done? What are we doing about it?**

The water plant improvements have been completed. Hopefully, these improvements should resolve the TTHM problem and other drinking water standard violations. As a part of these improvements:

1. New Filter media has been purchased and installed.
2. A new Chlorine injection system has been purchased and installed to raise chlorine residuals.
3. A new filtration system has been installed.
4. The basin enclosure has been constructed to cover the current water basins to prevent algae growth.

Current testing shows that the improvements have improved the water quality. The City will continue to address these violations until they are successfully addressed. For more information go to [www.cityofperryok.com](http://www.cityofperryok.com) and click on Water Fact Sheet or they are available at City Hall, 622 Cedar Street. You may also contact Hank Nida, Water Superintendent, at 580-336-4107. This notice is being sent to you by the City of Perry PWSID#OK1021206.

Signed April 28, 2011



Charles Hall, Mayor

City of Perry