
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

City of Rockford Has Levels of Combined Radium Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system 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 the situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received on December 31, 2011 show that one of our well sites exceeds the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for combined radium. The standard for combined radium is 5pCi/L. The running annual average over the last year is 7.0 pCi/L. The well site with the average level of combined radium that exceeds the MCL over the last quarter is:

| Well Site | Address | Combined Radium Concentration | Running Annual Average |
|------------------|--------------------|---|------------------------|
| TAP32 – Well #36 | 4141 Samuelson Rd. | 5.9 pCi/L (2010 4 th qtr result) | 7 pCi/L |

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, certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. 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?

The City is in the process of installing treatment at Well 36 and anticipates completion of construction in January 2012.

For more information, please contact Rockford Water Superintendent, Tim Holdeman at 987-5738 or Water Quality Manager, Nadine Miller at 987-5713. *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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