

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

## NOTICE OF ARSENIC MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL) VIOLATION

The Epping Water System recently 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 this situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis.

Test results for the sample collected at site 504 on February 14, 2013 showed an arsenic level of **0.032 mg/L**.

The average level of arsenic over the last year at site 504 was **0.011 mg/L**.

This average is above the enforceable maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 0.010 mg/L.

### **What does this mean?**

**This is not an emergency.** If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, *some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.*

### **What should I do?**

It is not necessary to use alternate water; however, if you have specific health concerns, please contact your health care professional. General health related questions may be directed to Dave Gordon of the DES Environmental Health Program at (603) 271-4608.

**Steps We Are Taking:** We are currently pumping all three wells at the Hoar Pond site at the same time. This blended water acts to dilute the level of arsenic delivered to customers to an acceptable level.

A recent test of the blended sample showed an arsenic level of 0.005 mg/L.

We believe the problem has been resolved. For more information, please contact Dennis Koch, Administrator of the Epping Water System at 603-679-5441 x4 or the Epping Town Hall at 157 Main Street, Epping, NH 0342.

*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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