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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

City of Harvey Public Water System

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On February 17, 2021, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency performed a sanitary survey of your water system. During this sanitary survey, it identified following deficiencies: a portion of the roof and sides were damaged and peeling and gaps may exist between the walls and roof of the three ground reservoirs at O'Conner Pump Station, and the exterior of the elevated water storage tank needed be scraped and painted.

1. Because of the potential for contamination of the water supply caused by these significant deficiencies, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency directed us to correct the problem. As our customers, you have a right to know the findings of the sanitary survey and steps, if any, to correct the observed significant deficiencies. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) inspected the Harvey Public Water Supply on November 4, 2021 and observed that the deficiencies identified during the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's February 17, 2021 sanitary survey had not been corrected. Failure to have the elevation of the overflow pipe between 12 and 24 inches above the ground surface, failure to screen the overflow pipes on the four ground reservoirs with 24 mesh noncorrodible screens, failure to cover each air vent on the 5 MG ground reservoir with 24 mesh non-corrodible screen, failure to protect metal surfaces with paints or other protective coatings, by cathodic protective devices, failure to ensure that the roof and sidewalls at the three ground reservoirs at the O'Conner Pump Station are watertight, well drained and has adequate waterproofing and drainage, and Failure to prepare an ERP and conduct the RRA. The Harvey Public Water Supply expects to return to compliance or resolve the situation 7/1/2023.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been an emergency, we are required to notify you within 24 hours.

The significant deficiencies have the potential to cause or allow water contamination. While we have not detected any evidence of contamination in our source water, we are committed to correcting the deficiency to eliminate the threat of contamination. Inadequately treated or inadequately protected water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms can cause symptoms such as diarrhea, nausea, cramps, and associated headaches. Failure to correct the deficiency according to the established schedule prolongs the risk of contamination of our water.

What should I do?

You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. Alternative water supplies need not be used.

There is nothing you need to do. The presence of significant deficiencies in a system may increase the risk of the introduction of contaminants into the public water supply, but no contamination has been identified at this time. If you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor or health care provider. General information on drinking water is available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

What happened? What is being done?

If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, we are required to notify you within 24 hours. We will also announce any emergencies on the website www.cityofharveyil.gov. For more information, please contact Ross Burgess at (708) 331-0032.

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.

This notice is being sent to you by the City of Harvey Public Water System.

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