

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
MONITORING REQUIREMENTS NOT MET FOR
GASTON WATER WORKS IN5218008**

Our 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. The results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets EPA's health standards. The 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2023 testing for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) and Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) was either not performed or failed to comply with all the requirements of the Stage 2 disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule (Stage 2 DBRP); therefore, we cannot be sure of the quality of the water at that time.

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. Some people who drink Trihalomethanes in excess of the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. Some people who drink water containing Haloacetic Acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What happened? What is being done?

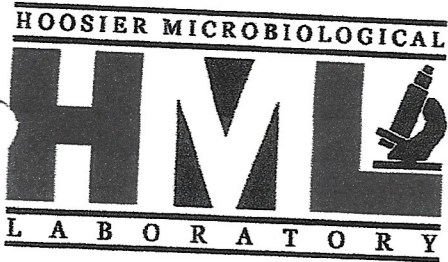
In August 2023, testing was completed for TTHM and HAA5 during the required time period. But each of two samples was collected from the wrong addresses. Thus the sample results were not considered valid. After being notified of the mistake, samples were then collected and tested from the correct addresses, although later than the required time frame. The current issue for the violation has been resolved. Beginning next year, the TTHM and HAA5 samples will both be collected from each of the two addresses during the required time frame.

For more information contact:

Ray Gillespie

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or you can email your questions or concerns to gastonutilitiesrg@yahoo.com.



Testing Research Consulting

MULTIPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Sample: 2308081559 (451870)
August 17, 2023

Town of Gaston
PO Box 186
Gaston, IN 47342

RE: Gaston Water Works, 310 N. Madison St., Gaston, IN 47342, Kitchen Sink
Collected: 08/08/23 at 11:05 AM
PWSID: 5218008

Wrong Sample Address

Dear Sir or Madam:

The following are the results of the tests performed on the sample received at HML on 08/08/23

TEST	METHOD	Result	UNITS	MCL*	Date Completed	Analyst
HAA5	552.2	12	ug/L	60	8/15/2023	CU

* MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level

Result(s) must be below the MCL to be considered satisfactory per EPA regulations.

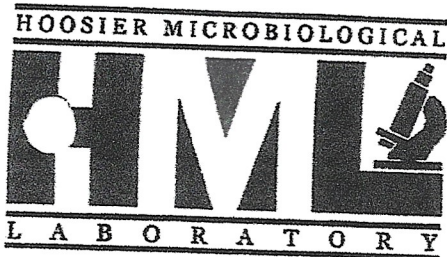
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Sincerely,

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MULTIPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Sample: 2310191200 (456065)
November 15, 2023

Correct Sample Address
Late Sampling Timeline

Town of Gaston
PO Box 186
Gaston, IN 47342

RE: Gaston Water Works, 207 E. Maple, Gaston, IN 47342, Kitchen Sink
Collected: 10/18/23 at 03:10 PM
PWSID: 5218008

Dear Sir or Madam:

The following are the results of the tests performed on the sample received at HML on 10/18/23

Table with 7 columns: TEST, METHOD, Result, UNITS, MCL*, Date Completed, Analyst. Row 1: HAA5, 552.2, 18.2, ug/L, 60, 11/9/2023, CU

* MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level
Result(s) must be below the MCL to be considered satisfactory per EPA regulations.

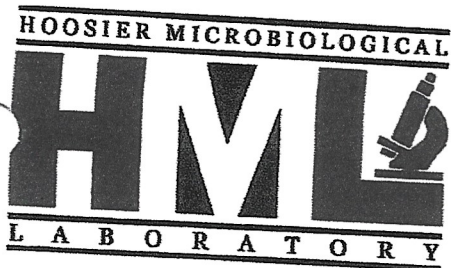
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MULTIPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Sample: 2308081556 (451869)
August 17, 2023

Town of Gaston
PO Box 186
Gaston, IN 47342

RE: Gaston Water Works, 207 E. Maple St., Gaston, IN 47342, Kitchen Sink
Collected: 08/08/23 at 11:29 AM
PWSID: 5218008

Wrong Sample Address

Dear Sir or Madam:

The following are the results of the tests performed on the sample received at HML on 08/08/23

TEST	METHOD	Result	UNITS	MCL*	Date Completed	Analyst
TTHM	524.2	33.3	ug/L	80	8/14/2023	CU

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MULTIPLE ANALYSIS REPORT

Sample: 2310191159 (456064)
November 15, 2023

Town of Gaston
PO Box 186
Gaston, IN 47342

RE: Gaston Water Works, 310 N. MAdison, Gaston, IN 47342, Kitchen Sink
Collected: 10/18/23 at 02:48 PM
PWSID: 5218008

Dear Sir or Madam:

The following are the results of the tests performed on the sample received at HML on 10/18/23

TEST	METHOD	Result	UNITS	MCL*	Date Completed	Analyst
TTHM	524.2	21.6	ug/L	80	10/26/2023	CU

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