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Food for purchase available (We'll have food trucks/private orgs will sell food) Bring your lawn chair and umbrella to enjoy the event

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#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Temporary Water Treatment Change Scheduled

#### Dear City of Cocoa Utilities Customer,

Beginning May 21, 2022, Cocoa water customers may notice a chlorine odor or a change in taste or color in their tap water. During this period, Cocoa Utilities Department will temporarily change its water disinfection method to provide additional protection against contamination to help ensure that your water remains safe. This temporary change in water chemistry will not affect the safety of your drinking water.

#### What is changing?

The Cocoa Utilities Dept. normally uses chloramine to disinfect the water. Chloramine is commonly used to disinfect drinking water. It is formed by mixing chlorine with ammonia. It is more stable than chlorine, providing longer-lasting disinfection as the water moves through pipes to our customers. You can find out more about chloramine at <u>https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/chloramines-drinking-water</u>. During this temporary change, free chlorine – without any ammonia – will be used. Changing to free chlorine periodically provides additional protection against microorganism contamination and helps ensure the water you receive remains safe.

#### What does this mean?

Free chlorination is a temporary process that distributes free chlorine in place of combined chlorine (chloramines) throughout the water distribution system as part of distribution system maintenance. This temporary change in the disinfection method of your water will not affect the safety of your water. You water remains safe to drink and use in your home.

#### Special Cautions for Kidney Dialysis Patients & Fish Owners

During the first week and last week of this period, as the water in the distribution system transitions from chloramine disinfectant to free chlorine and then back to chloramines, customers who use kidney dialysis machines should be aware that their water may contain chlorine, ammonia, and/or a mixture of the two. During the middle two weeks, the water should contain free chlorine only. Other specialized users of water, such as fish owners, stores and restaurants with fish aquariums and holding tanks for fish and shellfish, along with hospitals, blood/dialysis clinics, or users of home dialysis equipment may need to take action to maintain appropriate water quality during this temporary switch in disinfection.

These users are encouraged to contact an appropriate professional for guidance on how to use the equipment during this period. The temporary change in treatment may have adverse effects on dialysis machines and may be harmful to fish and aquatic mammals if not properly addressed.

#### For additional information:

The Cocoa Utilities Department is committed to providing clean, fresh drinking water to all customers. For more information on this change in treatment process visit our website at <u>www.CocoaFL.org</u>. You can also call Don Downs, Utilities Conservation & PR Officer, 321-433-8705, <u>ddowns@cocoafl.org</u>, 351 Shearer Boulevard, Cocoa, FL 32922.



#### Chemicals in Drinking Water Fact Sheet Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Environmental Health

This fact sheet discusses possible health risks from exposure to low levels of total trihalomethanes typically found in drinking water.

### Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)

#### What are Total Trihalomethanes?

Trihalomethanes are a group of chemicals that can form when organic matter in water is treated with halogen disinfectants such as chlorine. The most common of these chemicals is trichloromethane (also called chloroform), but others, such as dibromochloromethane, bromodichloromethane, or bromoform can also be found. The sum of these four chemicals is referred to as total trihalomethanes (TTHMs).

#### How might exposure to TTHMs in water occur?

TTHMs are present at low levels in most chlorinated water supplies. Chlorine is added to these drinking water supplies to control microbes such as *E. coli* or *Salmonella* that can cause serious illness.

#### What is the standard for TTHMs in drinking water?

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's drinking water standard for TTHMs is 80 micrograms per liter ( $80 \mu g/L$ ). Utility companies are required to test for TTHMs every quarter and this standard is compared to a one-year running average of samples.

#### How can TTHMs affect my health?

Depending on risk factors stated below, health effects from drinking high levels of TTHMs can include: liver, kidney, or central nervous system damage. Drinking water every day with concentrations of TTHMs at or below the standard for your entire lifetime is unlikely to cause illness. In addition, any risk from disinfection byproducts is much lower than the risk of illness from drinking water that has not been disinfected.

#### How likely are TTHMs to cause cancer?

EPA has set standards for TTHMs in water because there is a slight possibility of an increased risk of bladder or colorectal cancer over a lifetime of drinking water with TTHMs above 80 parts per billion (ppb). The slight risk occurs after decades of drinking water with high levels of TTHMs. This risk is small compared to the risk of potentially deadly infectious diseases in drinking water that is not disinfected.

#### How do scientists determine drinking water standards?

Drinking water standards are set at very low levels. To set drinking water standards, scientists review laboratory experiments and study reports of people exposed to high levels of chemicals when available. Then they use this information to estimate the risk of illness.

For chemicals that cause illness other than cancer, scientists find the level that is not thought to cause any harmful effects. Then, to be on the safe side, they set drinking water guidelines hundreds or thousands of times less than this "no-effect level." For chemicals believed to cause cancer, the technique is different. Scientists use worst-case assumptions to work out the lifetime risk of cancer at various concentrations of the chemical. They then set the level where the risk becomes so small it is practically zero. The worst-case assumptions used ensure that any errors are on the side of safety.

Because the standards are based upon lifetime exposure, drinking water with levels slightly above the standard for a short time does not significantly increase the risk of illness. The risk of illness, however, increases as the level of chemical increases and the length of time you drink the water increases.

How chemical exposures may affect someone can range widely from one person to the next. A number of personal factors also determine health effects. These include:

- How old is the person?
- What gender are they?
- Does the person have other health problems?
- What are their health habits? (For instance, do they drink alcohol or smoke tobacco?)

#### Is there a medical test for TTHM exposure?

There are special tests that can determine if you have been exposed to TTHMs. There is no reliable test to determine how much you have been exposed to and these tests cannot tell you whether harmful health effects will occur.

#### Is it safe to keep drinking water with TTHMs in it?

Citizens have the right to know about the quality of their drinking water. They should be aware of problems that may cause an immediate health problem and of those problems that are a concern when exposure occurs over many decades. That being said, levels of TTHMs less than the drinking water standard are not likely to cause illness. Drinking water with levels slightly above the drinking water standard for a short time does not significantly increase the risk of illness either. However, because health risks increase as the levels of a chemical (or how long a person drinks it) increases, it is best to drink water that meets standards.

**For additional health information,** please call the Florida Department of Health at 850-245-4240 or visit us online at www.floridahealth.gov/environmental-health/drinking-water/Chemicals-HALs.html

For more information about the health effects from exposure to TTHMs and other disinfection byproducts, please see the US CDC Safe Water Page at https://www.cdc.gov/safewater/chlorination-byproducts.html



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# **Environmental Commitment Statement**

The SLD 45 provides combat capabilities through launch, range and expeditionary operations. Local environmental concerns include managing stormwater to improve water quality in the Banana River, protecting our listed wildlife species and working to complete historic records for our historically significant facilities. As the "world's premier gateway to space" and in support of Air Force Policy 90-8, SLD 45 is committed to:

- Sustain the mission and the environment through a conforming environmental management system.
- Promote continuous improvement of environmental processes to enhance mission operations, increase regulatory compliance and lower operating costs
- Achieve reduction of adverse environmental impacts through effective recycling, pollution prevention and conservation efforts.
- **C**omply with all Federal, State, and local regulatory requirements.
- Educate through training and community involvement.

Approved by ESOHC Chair on 06 Oct 2021

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