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August 12, 2021

Dear Citizens of the Town of Hotchkiss,

Below is some important information about your water. Please note that the Town of Hotchkiss strives to keep the Health, Welfare and Safety of its Citizens at the forefront of all that we do. This information was obtained from a water sample taken in July of 2020.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
Town of Hotchkiss
High Levels of DI(2-ETHYLHEXYL)PHTHALATE

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. Although this situation 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 routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. On August 10, 2021 we were notified that our system exceeds the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for DI(2-ETHYLHEXYL)PHTHALATE. The MCL is 6 ug/L. The average level over the last year was 11.5 ug/L.

We anticipate the problem was from a contaminated sample taken on July 14, 2020 which has raised our average. Previous and subsequent samples have tested at below detectible levels. The most current sample was taken on April 7, 2021 resulting in below the detectible level of DI(2-ETHYLHEXYL)PHTHALATE.

NOTE: This advisory is NOT related to COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has stated that the "Virus that causes COVID-19 has not been detected in drinking water." For additional information on COVID-19 and drinking water, you can refer to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's website: <https://covid19.colorado.gov>.

What does this mean? What should I do?

- You may want to use an alternative drinking water supply (e.g. bottled). If you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- Some people who drink water containing DI(2-ETHYLHEXYL)PHTHALATE in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
- If you have an infant, severely compromised immune system, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your doctor about drinking this water. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by bacteria and other disease-causing organisms are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

What is being done?

- The Town of Hotchkiss will continue to sample quarterly for DEHP. The last sample results were received 04/15/2021. These results had DI(2-ETHYLHEXYL)PHTHALATE below the detectable limit.

For more information, please contact Michael Owens at hpwd@townofhotchkiss.com or 970-872-5454 or PO Box 369 Hotchkiss, CO 81419.

**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: Town of Hotchkiss - Co0115352*

Sincerely,

Michael Owens, Director of Public Works

Town of Hotchkiss

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