

# Town of Proctor

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER Tests Show Levels of TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM) and TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5) Above Drinking Water Standards

The Town of Proctor's water system recently exceeded drinking water standards. 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 routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results were sampled for the last four quarters ending with the **Second Quarter of 2011**. Results show our system exceeds the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5). The standard for HAA5 is 60 ppb. The running annual average (last 4 quarters) result was 98 ppb for HAA5. Additionally, results show our system exceeds the standard or MCL for TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM). The standard for TTHM is 80 ppb. The running annual average (last 4 quarters) result was 101 ppb for TTHM.

You may choose to utilize carbon filtration (pitcher style or faucet mounted) which is known to reduce disinfection byproducts. If you have specific health concerns, consult with your doctor.

**This is not an immediate risk.** Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer. In animal studies, some haloacetic acids have been associated with reproductive or developmental effects. Additionally, some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. In animal studies, some total trihalomethanes have been associated with reproductive or developmental effects.

Our Water System is undertaking steps to transition from a public drinking water system served by surface water to a system served by groundwater. This will involve significant capital improvements to the water system. We are working closely with the State Water Supply Division to finalize these plans.

For more information, please contact Todd Blow, the Water Department Chief Operator, at 459-2501 or 45 Main Street, Proctor, VT 05765.

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