

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**  
**Missed Monitoring**  
**Cottondale Water**  
**System**

Our water system recently became aware that we failed to collect drinking water samples in accordance with our approved monitoring plan. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants. Results of chemical monitoring are an indicator of whether our drinking water meets health standards. **During the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2023 monitoring period, Vinyl Chloride was not sampled at Well 3;** therefore, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

*People who drink water containing vinyl chloride in excess of the MCL can have an increased risk of cancer.*

*Vinyl chloride in drinking water can come from leaching from PVC pipes or discharge from plastic factories.*

*Any customers who are concerned about their exposure to these contaminants can choose alternative sources of water for ingestion.*

**What should I do?**

There is nothing you need do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours. We will announce any emergencies on the radio at WJAQ 100.9 FM and go door to door passing out notices.

**What happened? What was done?**

Our Public Works were unaware they were required to conduct a sample during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter annual sampling for Vinyl Chloride. The department have since sampled in the first quarter of 2024 and the results were non-detectable. The Department of Environmental Protection have returned us to routine tri-annual testing.

For more information, please contact: Public Works Director Floyd Scott at 850.352.4361 or [floyd@cityofcottondale.net](mailto:floyd@cityofcottondale.net).

***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 Cottondale Water System

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