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## **TIER 2-IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER.**

### **The Norwood Water Commission Has Levels of TTHM Above the Drinking Water Standards.**

Our drinking water system recently violated the TTHM MCL drinking water standard of 0.080 mg/L. 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 the situation. We are required to monitor for the presence of TTHM on a quarterly basis. Testing results were received in March 2011 indicating that our running annual average (RAA) exceeded the maximum contaminant levels (MCL) for TTHM of 0.080 mg/L. The systems running annual average level of TTHM RAA was 0.081.56 mg/L. (0.080 -milligrams per liter is the equivalent to 0.080 parts per million). Our running annual average system TTHM RAA was above the MCL limit by 1.56 mg/L for the first quarter of 2011.

#### **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. However, some people who drink water containing Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) in the excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

#### **What is being done?**

The Norwood Water Commission has completed the installation of a chloramination system for Disinfection to help reduce the formation of halomethanes, which was funded by ARRA funds. The chloramination system was fully operational beginning March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Our personnel are continuing to carefully monitor the residuals and performing systematic flushing of the waterlines within the system. We are continuing to work closely with WestWater Engineering and the Colorado Department of Public Health to achieve the maximum removal of Total Organic Carbons (TOC) from our raw water.

We anticipate resolving the problem within the next quarter. For more information, please contact Norwood Water Commission at 970-327-4288 or P.O. Box 528, Norwood, CO 81423. 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 nursing homes, apartments, schools, and businesses).

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