

Combined Radium MCL Template

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

**The Village of North Utica Has Levels of Combined Radium Above Drinking Water Standards**

Our water system has violated a drinking water standard. 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 we received on 10/19/2011 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for combined radium. The standard for combined radium is 5 pico curies per liter (pCi/L). The average level of combined radium over the last year was 9 pCi/l.

**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 radium-226 or radium-228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.*

**What happened? What is being done?**

We have stopped using the contaminated well. Since then we have rehabbed the well trying to isolate the area in the well where the combined radium was entering the well. We have increased the frequency in which we test the well for combined radium. We are working with the IEPA to evaluate the test results and work that was done to the well.

For more information, please contact Curt Spayer at 815-667-4111 or 801 South Clark, Utica, Illinois 61373

Compliance period of July 1 2011 through September 30<sup>th</sup> 2011

*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 North Utica

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