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### **\*OFFICIAL ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION\*** **NOTICE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION**

SUBJECT: Louisa County  
Waterworks: Louisa County Water  
Authority  
PWSID No: 2109510

February 24, 2026

Louisa County Water Authority  
Attn: Pam Baughman- General Manager  
23 Loudin Lane  
Louisa, VA, 23093

Re: LRAA PMCL Exceedance for Disinfection Byproducts – TTHMs under Stage 2 Rule

Dear Ms. Baughman

This notice is to advise that you appear to be operating a waterworks in violation of the Public Water Supplies Law, Title 32.1, Chapter 6, Article 2 of the Code of Virginia, and Section 12VAC5-590-384 B 1 a of the Virginia *Waterworks Regulations* (“Regulations”) for exceeding the locational running annual average (LRAA) for HAA5s under the Stage 2 Rule.

The LRAA for the TTHM concentration was **0.084 mg/L** for the scheduled samples collected on February 9, 2026, from DBP05- Mineral Restaurant. The Primary Maximum Contaminant Level (PMCL) for **TTHM is 0.080 mg/L**. The Regulations characterize this alleged violation as a Tier 2 violation.

Section 12VAC5-590-384 B 1 a states, “The owner of a waterworks required to monitor quarterly shall calculate the LRAAs for TTHM and HAA5 using monitoring results collected under 12VAC5-590-374 F and determine that each LRAA does not exceed the PMCL in order to comply with the PMCLs listed in Table 340.6. If the owner fails to complete four consecutive quarters of monitoring, then the owner shall calculate compliance with the PMCL based on the average of the available data from the most recent four quarters. If the owner collects more than one sample per

quarter at a monitoring location, then the owner shall average all samples collected in the quarter at that location to determine a quarterly average to be used in the LRAA calculation.”

The samples collected from DBP05 and DBP04 are shown below:

TTHM results mg/L					
Sample Location	Q2 2025 (Apr-Jun)	Q3 2025 (Jul-Sept)	Q4 2025 (Oct-Dec) Value includes additional Samples taken in Dec 2025	Q1 2026 (Jan-Mar)	LRAA
DBP04	0.065	0.088	0.001	0.017	0.043
DBP05	0.115	0.118	0.051	0.051	<b>0.084</b>

### **Required Actions**

In accordance with Section 12VAC5-590-540 of the Regulations, a Tier 2 violation requires you issue a Tier 2 Public Notice (“Notice”) to the consumers in the area served in accordance to the public notification requirements described below:

**Public Notice:** The Tier 2 Notice requires you to notify consumers in the area served **within 30 days** of learning of the violation. This Notice must be handled as follows:

- **You must provide a Notice to consumers no later than March 26, 2026;** (i.e., 30 days from date of letter or 30 days from when owner was apprised of the violation, whichever comes first.)
- Your Notice to consumers must be mailed or directly delivered to each customer receiving a bill, and to other service connections served by your waterworks.
- If your waterworks serves consumers who do not pay water bills, or who do not have service connection addresses (apartment dwellers, university students, or nursing home patients, for example) you must also use other delivery methods to provide notice to these consumers as well. Examples of other methods include (but are not limited to) notice publication in local newspapers, delivery of multiple copies to apartment buildings, or posting the Notice in public places served by the system.
- Until the violation is resolved, you must give a copy of the Notice to all new billing units or new customers, before or at the time service begins.
- You must repeat distribution of the Notice every three months, for as long as the violation persists.

**Draft Notice:** Attached is a draft Tier 2 Notice for you to distribute as directed above. You may use this Notice as is, or modify it to better meet your situation, as long as the information is accurate and it contains all of the required elements and mandated language. If you decide to change the Notice, we suggest that you contact this Office to verify that your proposed changes meet the requirements of the Regulations. Please insert the name, address, and phone number of a waterworks representative in the spaces provided on the draft Notice.

**Public Notice Confirmation:** Within ten (10) days of completing the public notification, but no later than **April 5, 2026**, you must provide this Office with a copy of the Notice that you distributed, along with a signed certification that the distribution was completed in the required time and manner. Failure to distribute the Notice and submit a signed certification form to this Office may be a further violation of the Regulations. A certification form is enclosed for your use.

**Follow-Up Actions:** The waterworks will continue to sample and monitor for DBPs, on a quarterly basis. The waterworks will also conduct an OEL study to evaluate causes of increased TTHMs.

**Requesting an Administrative Proceeding:** If you disagree with the allegations in this notice or wish to obtain a determination as to whether a violation has occurred, you may request an informal conference in accordance with Va. Code § 2.2-4019 and 12VAC5-590-115 of the Regulations. To request an informal conference, please contact the ODW Director of Compliance, Enforcement and Policy by telephone or email at 804-629-0989 or [Grant.Kronenberg@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:Grant.Kronenberg@vdh.virginia.gov).

**Enforcement Authority:** Failure to take all the necessary corrective actions in a timely manner to voluntarily return your waterworks to compliance may result in enforcement action. Enforcement actions include permit revocation, administrative orders, and civil or criminal proceedings, and civil charges or penalties of up to \$5,000 per day for each violation. Va. Code §§ 32.1-26, 32.1-27, 32.1-175.01 and 32.1-176.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact me at (804) 910-6111 or email at [Lydia.belser@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:Lydia.belser@vdh.virginia.gov).

Sincerely,



Lydia Belser- Envi Health Spec, Sr.  
Richmond Field Office

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Enclosures:

1. Draft Tier 2 Public Notice
2. Certification Form

cc: Louisa County Administrator- Christian Goodwin ([cgoodwin@louisa.org](mailto:cgoodwin@louisa.org))  
Blue Ridge Health District, Environmental Health Manager-  
Jack McClelland ([john.mcclelland@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:john.mcclelland@vdh.virginia.gov))  
Operator- Cody Langridge ([clangridge@louisacounty.gov](mailto:clangridge@louisacounty.gov))

**NOTICE TO CONSUMERS**  
**of the LOUISA COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY WATERWORKS**  
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

**LRAA PMCL Exceedance for Disinfection Byproducts - TTHMs under Stage 2 Rule**

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did (are doing) to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results from the 1st Quarter of 2026 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for TTHMs. The standard for TTHM is 0.080 mg/L. It is determined by averaging all the samples collected at each sampling location for the past 12 months. The levels of TTHMs averaged at one of our system's locations for the 1st quarter 2026 was 0.084 mg/L

**What should I do?**

- There is nothing you need to 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.
  
- If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water.

**What does this mean?**

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. HAA5s are five haloacetic acid compounds which form when disinfectants react with natural organic matter in the water. TTHMs are four volatile organic chemicals.

People who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the PMCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer. People who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the PMCL 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?**

We will continue to monitor TTHM and HAA5 levels during quarterly routine sampling. We will also conduct an Operational Evaluation Level (OEL) study to investigate the increased sampling data.

For more information, please contact Pam Baughman at 540-967-1122 or 23 Loudin Lane Louisa, VA, 23093.

*\*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 LCWA. State Water System ID#: 2109450. Date distributed: \_\_\_\_\_.

SUBJECT: Louisa County  
Waterworks: LCWA  
PWSID No: 2109510

**VIOLATION:** LRAA PMCL Exceedance for Disinfection Byproducts – TTHMs under Stage 2 Rule - (Q1 2026)

**TIER 2 PUBLIC NOTIFICATION CERTIFICATION REPORT FORM**  
(Community Waterworks)

Use at least one of the primary delivery methods:

1. By Mail delivery on \_\_\_\_\_.
2. By direct (hand) delivery on \_\_\_\_\_.

Use one of the following in addition to the above:

- Publication in a local newspaper on \_\_\_\_\_.
- Delivery of multiple copies for distribution by customers that provide drinking water to others.
- Posting in public places or on the internet on \_\_\_\_\_.
- Delivery to community organizations.
- Other approved method: Method and date: \_\_\_\_\_.

New billing customers will be notified of any ongoing violation for which notice has previously been issued.

I hereby certify that the attached public notice was distributed as indicated above and that the notice meets all content requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

**RETURN FORM WITH COPY OF NOTICE TO:**

ATTN: Compliance specialist  
Email: [ODWfieldoffice4@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:ODWfieldoffice4@vdh.virginia.gov)