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City of Rensselaer Residents,

Our last testing for total THM was well below the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) and the levels are under control at this time.

The City of Rensselaer received the test results for the sampling of the THM's, and the results of the water indicates that we are well below the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) based on a locational running average for total Trihalomethanes (THM). The levels are established by the Environmental Protection Agency and the New York State Sanitary Code. The quarterly levels are going down due to the work of our supplier (City of Troy) and our flushing of the lines. The Maximum level of the substance as outlined in Part 5 of the New York Sanitary Code is **80 parts per billion**. Subpart 5-1.78 of the New York Sanitary Code requires that the City of Rensselaer provide public notification (Tier-2) to all customers that are provided water from the City of Rensselaer. For the second quarter of 2022 the locational running annual average at one of the 2 required sampling locations was 59.8 PPB based upon the 5/9/2022 testing. At the 2nd required location the test result was 55.7 PPB. These results are significantly improved from the past results and place the water below the 80 parts per billion that triggers notification.

There is no action needed by homeowners. The homeowners **are** responsible for notification to their tenants giving them the information stated in this notice. The City of Rensselaer has been and will continue to be working with the City of Troy Water Department, the New York State Health Department, and the Rensselaer County Health Department (518-270-2632) to reduce Trihalomethanes while maintaining chlorine levels that will ensure that your drinking water is safe.

Trihalomethanes are a byproduct of the chlorine used to disinfect our drinking water supply. The City of Troy adds chlorine at their treatment facility. In addition, the City of Rensselaer and the Town of East Greenbush add chlorine at the Pump Station at Cross St, Troy. It should be mentioned here that our monthly chlorine residual test results have continually met safe standards. It also should be mentioned that Rensselaer does not treat our water for THMs. As a matter of fact, with the elevated level of THMs in the water which we receive from Troy, it is virtually impossible to meet the existing THM requirements without specialized water treatment. In Rensselaer; we are dependent upon the City of Troy to reduce the THMs in the water which they provide us.

We will continue to work to solve the THM levels as necessary and will update you regarding any actions that the City takes. If you have any questions, you may also contact the City of Rensselaer Water Dept. at 518-462-6466.

Jim Brady

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