

Oxford Water Works & Sewer Board
Drinking Water Non-Compliance Notice
April – June 2024

Oxford Water Works & Sewer Board recently 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 completed in May 2024 show that our system exceeded the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Trichloroethylene (0.005 mg/L). During the April through June 2024 quarter, the trichloroethylene value was 0.012 mg/L at the Barbour Well Treatment Plant.

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Some people who drink water containing trichloroethylene in excess of the MCL over many years have an increased risk of getting cancer. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (e.g., people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distribution copies by hand or mail.

Oxford has stripping towers on Barbour Well to remove volatile compounds that can occur. Since learning of this exceedance, Oxford has taken the well out of service to clean the stripping tower and all associated equipment.

Should you have any questions concerning this violation or monitoring requirements, please contact Wayne Livingston at (256) 831-5618, 600 Barry Street, Oxford, AL 36203.